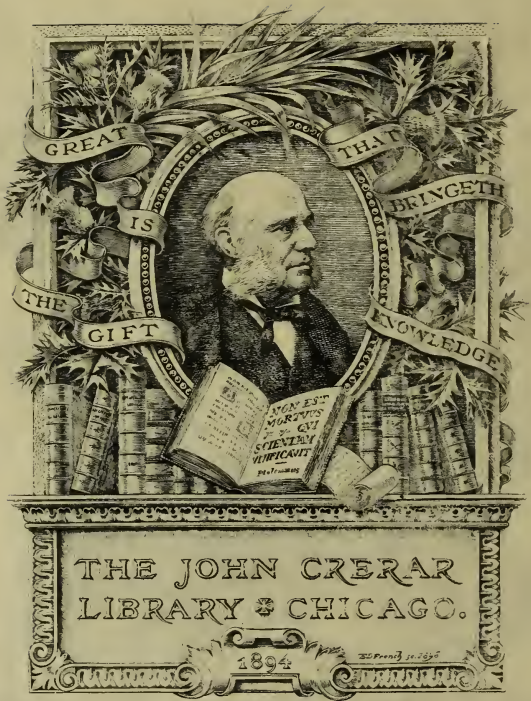

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CITY OF YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY.

COMMITTEE FOR 1907—1908.

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CITY OF YORK.

FIFTEENTH GENERAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Public Library Committee have satisfaction in approving the following Report of the City Librarian on the working of the Library for the year ending the 31st May, 1908.

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Fifteenth Annual Report.

An examination of the Statistical Tables appended shews that the public appreciation of the Library continues, a good increase in the issues of both Reference and Lending Libraries having been recorded.

Whilst at the close of last year 6,081 persons were holding Tickets, this year the number has reached 6,235, after all out of date or otherwise cancelled have been deducted. Of this number 488 hold a second or Student's Ticket, so that the total Tickets available for present use is 6,723, of which 725 are held by Juveniles under the ordinary Ticket age.

To the Lending Library Stock 954 additions have been made; but the work of revision is constantly going on, and 207 worn-out copies have been withdrawn and not replaced. Other worn-out copies to the number of 309 have been replaced by 307, and a further reduction has occurred in the Binding of 1,025 Volumes into 1,020. There is therefore a net increase in this Stock of 740, making it 19,379. In the Reference Library an increase of 385 during the year brings the Stock up to 8,319 Volumes; the Reserve Stock numbers 695; Blue Books 445; and Unbound Pamphlets 176. The total Stock of the Library is therefore 29,014 Volumes.

The Issues in the Lending Library have risen to 170,629 (the Volumes issued being 171,115), as against 166,624 for the previous year, shewing an increase of 4,005. In addition, 309 Volumes in Braille Type for the use of the Blind were issued.

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It may be interesting to compare the character of the reading from the Lending Library of ten years ago with that of the past twelve months, and for this purpose I compare the Issues only, not the Volumes issued, because the three volume form of a number of Novels then in use has now largely disappeared, and comparison of Volumes issued would be fallacious:

		Percentage of Total Issues.	
		1897-8.	1907-8.
A.	Religion and Philosophy	1·039	1·275
B.	Biography, History	3·589	3·084
C.	Geography, Travel, etc.	2·321	2·069
D.	Arts, Sciences, Technology, etc.	4·107	6·426
F.	Fiction	72·012	62·882
G.	Poetry and the Drama	·637	·676
H.	Essays and Miscellaneous Literature	3·309	4·166
J.	Juvenile Literature of all Classes	12·986	19·422
	Total Issues	133,097	170,629

The most noticeable features are the changes in the Fiction Section and in the Juvenile Section, the increase in the latter due no doubt to the wise extension of facilities for the Children. Though the wear and tear of Books by Juvenile Borrowers is heavy, needing constant repair or replacement, the result must be considered as very encouraging in the effort to induce the reading habit in the young, for there can be no doubt that a large proportion of those so made familiar with Books, and so accustomed to attend and use the Public Library, will continue their reading after leaving School, whilst otherwise many of them would probably never become lovers of Books at all. The publication of a Juvenile Catalogue under cost price has proved helpful to the Children and their Teachers and friends, and it must not be forgotten that, though the classification of the Juvenile Books is not shewn, the Stock for Juveniles includes a large proportion having a solid educational value, along with others of a recreational yet instructive character. There has been a gratifying improvement in the use of the Reference Library during the year, not only in the recorded issue of 2,381 more Volumes than for last year, the total having gone up to 8,669, but in the unrecorded use of the Books to which free

access is permitted. Many business people who otherwise do not use the Library find this provision very serviceable, and their numbers are constantly increasing. Every effort which the discharge of our other duties will permit is made by myself and the members of my staff to assist enquirers in their search for information, and it is gratifying to meet with frequent expressions by readers of their appreciation of the help so afforded them. Where Visitors give an indication of the object they have in view it is often possible to place before them the Books most likely to assist them, Books which in many instances they do not know and therefore would not look for. The recipients of such help, though they may not publicly express their satisfaction, manifest it by coming again with confidence when the need again arises, and so the usefulness of this portion of the Library is gradually but certainly being extended. Built up under difficulties which to-day are not remembered, and still short of many Books I hope some day to see it possess, its usefulness is so steadily growing as to encourage us in securing its further development as opportunity may offer.

The Annual Stocktaking has again resulted satisfactorily, only one Book being unaccounted for. Whilst the great majority of Borrowers gladly endeavour to comply with the spirit of the Regulations, it may be expected that there will always be some amongst so many who will occasion trouble. Thus during the year over 800 neglectful Borrowers had to be applied to, some a number of times, and over ninety failed to return their Books for Stocktaking. The Fines paid for loss, injury, or detention numbered 4,991, and it was necessary to apply to thirty-one Guarantors, who, however, generally succeeded in inducing the Borrowers concerned to discharge their liability.

The attendance in the News-Room and Reading Rooms, following the alterations to which reference was made in the last Annual Report, has increased. The provision of Special Reading Lists, and the various subsidiary efforts to give helpful information to enquirers on Emigration, Patents, and other Subjects, as well as to strangers visiting our City have been continued, and generally the year's work may be regarded as satisfactory in itself and in its promise for the future.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR H. FURNISH,

York, *June, 1908.* *City Librarian.*

Your Committee have to report that the Alterations in the Building and Fittings set forth in the last Annual Report have been found to satisfactorily contribute to the convenience of the public. It is probable that a further expenditure on the heating of the building will have to be incurred.

Your Committee have to acknowledge with thanks the gift of various Books and Papers from Donors whose names appear in the list appended to this Report. Those gifts include the Books completing the presentation to the Juvenile Section by Mrs. W. W. Morrell, referred to in the last Annual Report, certain Official Publications from H.M. Stationery Office and the British Museum, and others from friends of the Library. Your Committee still regret, however, that gifts of real value by private benefactors are not more numerous. The thanks of your Committee are also tendered to the Editors of the local newspapers for their assistance by the publication of Book-Lists for Readers.

The financial position of the Library is satisfactory, every effort being made to keep the expenditure within the authorised limit. During the year the Loan Debt has been reduced to £3,088 13s. 9d., being Loans owing £3,250, less amount provided in Sinking Fund £161 6s. 3d. On Revenue Account the Penny Rate realised £1,678 3s. 10d., and Rent of Class Rooms, Sales of Catalogues, Fines, and miscellaneous receipts made the total Income £1,844 13s. 3d. The ordinary expenditure amounted to £1,817 8s. 2d., and £27 5s. 1d. was transferred to the Book-Purchasing and Alterations Account. At the end of the year there had been paid out of the latter Account £836 5s. 11d. on account of Alterations. A full financial statement appears in the printed Volume of the Accounts of the York Corporation.

E. W. PURNELL,

14th July, 1908. *Chairman.*

APPENDIX.

LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

Volumes in the Lending Library, May 31st, 1907		18,639
Added since :—		
By Purchase	789	
By Gift	163	
By Transfer from Reference	2	
		954
		19,593
*Deductions in Re-binding and Re-placing	7	
Withdrawn	207	
		214
Total Volumes in Lending Library, May 31st, 1908		19,379

*Works in 309 Volumes were re-placed by 307 Volumes, and Works in 1,025 Volumes have been re-bound into 1,020 Volumes.

ANALYSIS OF LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS	Stock, May 31st, 1907.		Stock, May 31st, 1908.	
	Works.	Volumes.	Works.	Volumes.
A. Religion and Philosophy... ...	935	1007	984	1056
B. Biography, History	2353	2942	2454	3054
C. Travel	887	956	927	999
D. Arts, Sciences, &c.	2427	2524	2559	2661
F. Fiction	6353	6711	6445	6787
G. Poetry and the Drama	399	482	407	490
H. Essays and General Literature ...	1677	1887	1756	1967
J. Juvenile Literature of all Classes	2130	2130	2365	2365
	17,161	18,639	17,897	19,379

REFERENCE LIBRARY—STOCK ACCOUNT.

Volumes in Stock, Year ending May 31st, 1907		7,934
Added since :—		
By Purchase	262	
By Gift	127	
		389
		8,323
Deduct :—		
By Transfer	2	
Finally Withdrawn	2	
		4
Total Volumes in Stock, 31st May, 1908		8,319
Volumes in the Reserve Stock		695
Pamphlets		176
Government Blue Books		445

ANALYSIS OF REFERENCE LIBRARY STOCK.

Class.	Stock, 1907.	Stock, 1908
0 General Works	1502	1529
1 Philosophy	114	115
2 Religion	458	494
3 Sociology	565	623
4 Philology	158	160
5 Natural Science	592	610
6 Useful Arts	363	387
7 Fine Arts	457	495
8 Literature	1101	1181
9 History, Biography, Travel	2624	2725
	7,934	8,319

NUMBER OF ISSUES.—LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Month.	A Theology. Philosophy.	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Sciences.	F Fiction.	G Poetry and the Drama.	H Essays and General Literature.	J Juvenile Literature.	Total.	*Daily Average for Days Open.
1907-1908.										
June... ...	138	316	221	712	6809	72	481	1971	10720	579
July	146	375	300	846	7854	70	506	2280	12377	495
August ...	164	376	276	871	8517	67	458	2347	13076	556
September ...	162	394	261	774	8050	78	502	2291	12512	544
October ...	184	472	327	923	9097	106	584	2542	14235	581
November ...	227	592	301	1029	9736	106	661	2861	15513	646
December ...	183	480	256	900	8730	97	611	2762	14019	652
January ...	197	455	324	1014	10072	102	746	3118	16028	654
February ...	205	495	331	1161	10396	134	750	2989	16461	716
March ...	252	533	352	1110	10384	119	679	3952	17381	724
April ...	195	409	324	888	9734	107	659	3591	15907	740
May... ...	123	366	257	731	7918	96	473	2436	12400	564
	2176	5263	3530	10959	107297	1154	7110	33140	170629	620

Days open ... 275. *Fractions not shewn.

The above Table shews the number of separate applications for Books. The next Table shews the number of Volumes so borrowed. In the Daily Average Columns Fractions are not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED.—LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Month.	A Theology. Philosophy.	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Science.	F Fiction.	G Poetry and the Drama.	H Essays and General Literature.	J Juvenile Literature.	Total.	*Daily Average for Days Open.
1907-1908.										
June... ...	138	319	222	714	6819	72	485	1971	10740	581
July	147	382	301	847	7870	70	507	2280	12404	496
August ...	164	384	277	872	8523	68	460	2347	13095	557
September ...	162	396	262	777	8076	78	503	2291	12545	545
October ...	184	485	327	926	9119	106	586	2542	14275	583
November ...	229	610	304	1030	9775	109	664	2861	15582	649
December ...	183	488	258	901	8767	97	612	2762	14068	654
January ...	197	463	326	1014	10102	102	746	3118	16068	656
February ...	205	503	331	1164	10430	136	753	2989	16511	718
March ...	254	557	356	1114	10411	121	684	3952	17449	727
April ...	195	417	328	891	9750	109	664	3591	15945	742
May... ...	123	371	258	735	7939	96	475	2436	12433	565
	2181	5375	3550	10985	107581	1164	7139	33140	171115	622

Days open ... 275. *Fractions not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Month.	0 General Works.	1 Philosophy.	2 Religion.	3 Sociology.	4 Philology.	5 Natural Science.	6 Useful Arts.	7 Fine Arts.	8 Literature.	9 History, Biography, Travel.	Total.
1907-08.											
June	182	31	10	15	25	77	44	25	49	158	616
July	89	9	11	53	30	90	50	67	28	188	615
August... ...	51	6	13	12	59	48	48	31	51	220	539
September ...	142	9	7	34	81	50	40	11	39	403	816
October ...	120	28	71	68	192	99	38	81	44	372	1113
November ...	86	12	35	67	65	55	41	87	54	254	756
December ...	100	2	16	56	35	19	22	43	44	156	493
January ...	105	7	21	96	31	32	67	95	65	227	746
February ...	115	2	14	74	47	68	45	171	178	266	980
March... ...	48	4	9	71	35	59	26	141	68	239	700
April	65	3	37	95	26	70	13	70	60	211	650
May	73	1	39	55	18	89	27	71	42	230	645
	1176	114	283	696	644	756	461	893	722	2924	8669

MAGAZINE ROOM ATTENDANCES.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
1907-1908.			
June...	25	9690	388
July	27	9044	335
August	26	9135	351
September	25	10207	508
October	27	11028	408
November	26	10676	410
December	23	9731	423
January	27	11991	444
February	25	12879	515
March	26	13517	520
April	24	12043	502
May	26	12455	479
	307	132,396	440

NEWS ROOM ATTENDANCES.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
1907-1908.			
June...	25	28850	1154
July	27	28738	1064
August	27	25691	952
September	25	23982	959
October	27	24581	910
November	26	27753	1067
December	25	30770	1231
January	27	35684	1322
February	25	36888	1476
March	26	36133	1390
April	25	31395	1256
May	26	30554	1175
	311	361,019	1163

TABLE SHEWING NUMBER OF BORROWERS ON MAY 31ST, 1908.

ELECTORS :—		
Males	1115	
Females	209	
	——	1324
NON-ELECTORS :—		
Males	1876	
Females	2310	
	——	4186
STUDENTS' TICKETS		488
JUVENILE TICKETS		725
	Total	6723

DONATIONS.

Gifts have been received from Messrs. Abel and Imray, London; Incorporated Accountants, London; Anglo-American Oil Co.; Mr. Chas. E. Baker, Nottingham; Mr. G. F. Ball, Skegness; Board of Trade; The British Museum; Mr. S. M. Bryant, York; J. G. Butcher, Esq., K.C., Riccall; Mr. Wm. Camidge, York; Agent-General for Canada; High Commissioner for Canada; Mrs. E. J. Chapman, Middlesex; Librarian, Brighton; City Librarian, York; City Treasurer, York; Mr. R. B. Cook, York; Mr. T. P. Cooper, York; The Dean and Chapter, York; Official Tourists' Information Department, Douglas; Dublin University; Mr. F. J. Gillman, York; Mr. John Hazelhurst, Birmingham; Mr. Hemmens, York; Mr. G. Henriksen, Christiania; J. R. Hill, Esq., J.P., York; Messrs. Hodges, Figgis and Co., Dublin; Mr. John Howard, York; The John Rylands Library, Manchester;

Leeds University; Editor, London Matriculation Directory, Cambridge; Publishers, "Mate's Illustrated Guides", Bournemouth; Messrs. Mather and Crowther; Manager of "The University Correspondent"; Medical Officer of Health, York; Messrs. T. Moody and Co., London; Mr. Counc. J. B. Morrell, York; Viscount Mountmorres, Liverpool; Miss Munby, York; High Commissioner for New Zealand; Secretary of Immigration, Nova Scotia; Mr. E. A. Pratt, Farnborough; Agent-General for Queensland; J. S. Rowntree, Esq., Harrogate; Joseph Rowntree, Esq., York; Mrs Rowntree, Mount Villas, York; Sir Joseph Sykes Rymer (Lord Mayor), York; Messrs. Simpkin, Marshall and Co., London; Mr. Wellen Smith, London; Rev. John Solloway, D.D., York; H.M. Stationery Office, Westminster; Trinity College of Music, London; The Town Clerks of Exeter, Guildford, London, and York; University Correspondence College; University Tutorial Press; Government of Uruguay; Watkins Meter Co.; York Chamber of Commerce; York Education Committee.

Periodicals, Newspapers, &c., from the following:—The Agricultural and Horticultural Association; The Boards of Agriculture and Trade; Conservative Agent, York; The Rt. Rev. Mons. Provost Dawson; Messrs. Delittle, Fenwick & Co.; Emigrants Information Office; Mr. J. W. Frank; Free Church Council; Garden City Association; Mrs. Hall; Miss Hutchinson; Mr. Robert Kay; Mr. Ed. Lewis; Mr. Marshall; Moravian Church and Mission Agency; Mr. Councillor J. B. Morrell; Viscount Mountmorres, Liverpool University; H.M. Patents Office; Mr. H. M. Platnauer; Mr. Alderman E. W. Purnell, J.P.; Salvation Army; Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; Mr. C. E. Stretton, Leicester; Mrs. Taylor; Mr. T. A. Waddington; Mr. W. Waddington; Mr. A. G. Walkden, London; York Equitable Industrial Society; York Society of Oddfellows; York Temperance Society; York Typographical Society.

Reports or Bulletins, &c., from the following Libraries:—Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Atherton, Barnsley, Baltimore City, U.S.A. (Enoch Pratt), Barrow-in-Furness, Belfast, Beverley, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Brooklyn, N.Y. (Pratt Institute), Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Cork, Croydon, Darlington, Derby, Dewsbury, Dundee, Glasgow (Stirling's), Gloucester, Great Yarmouth, Hanley, Hove, Hyde, Keighley, Kettering, Kidderminster, Leeds, Leyton, Liverpool, London:—Battersea, Bishopsgate Institute, Cripplegate Institute, Hammersmith, Hornsey, Kilburn, Shoreditch, Southwark, Stoke Newington, Wandsworth, Westminster, Willesden Green; Longton, Loughborough, Manchester, Middlesborough, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, New York (Aston Lennox), Nottingham, Oldbury, Osaka (Japan), Paisley, Penarth, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Rochdale, St. Helen's, Salem (Mass., U.S.A.), Salford, Smethwick, Stockport, Sunderland, Tottenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Watford, West Bromwich, West Hartlepool, Whitehaven, Windsor, Wolverhampton, Worcester.

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS SUPPLIED TO THE NEWSROOM.

NOTE—Those marked * are presented.
Those marked † are lent by the York Field Naturalists' Society.

DAILY.

*Birmingham Daily Post.
Daily Dispatch.
Daily Express.
Daily Graphic.
Daily Mail.
Daily News.
*Daily Report.
Daily Telegraph.
Eastern Morning News.
Financial News.
Freeman's Journal.
Glasgow Herald.
Irish Times.
Leeds Mercury.
Liverpool Mercury.
London Daily Chronicle.
Manchester Guardian.
Morning Leader.
Morning Post.
Newcastle Daily Chronicle.
North Mail.
Northern Echo.
*Nottingham Daily Express.
Pall Mall Gazette.
Scotsman.
Sheffield Daily Telegraph.
Standard.
Times.
Westminster Gazette.
Yorkshire Daily Observer.
Yorkshire Evening News.
Yorkshire Evening Post.
Yorkshire Evening Press.
Yorkshire Herald.
Yorkshire Post.

WEEKLY.

Academy.
Amateur Gardening.
Amateur Photographer.
American Machinist.
*Aspirant.
Athenæum.
*Banner of Israel.
*Bible Advocate.
Black and White.
*Blackpool Papers.
*Board of Trade Journal.
Bookman.
*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory.
Boy's Own Paper.
British Journal of Photography.
*British Weekly.
Broad Arrow.
Builder.
Builder's Journal.
Cabinet Maker.
*Canada.
*Catholic Fireside.
*Catholic Times.
*Christian World.
*Civil Service and Commercial Weekly.
*Civil Service Candidate.
*Civil Service Competitor.
Clarion.
*Co-operative News.
Country Life.
Country Side.
*Cumberland Pacquet.
Economist.
*Electrical Engineer.
Electrical Review.
Engineer.
English Mechanic.
Era.
Exchange and Mart. (3 times per week).
Feathered World and Cage Birds.
Field.
Gentlewoman.
Girl's Own Paper.
Graphic.
Horticultural Journal.
Hospital.

WEEKLY—(Continued).

Illustrated London News.
*Investor's Guardian.
Labour Leader.
Lady.
Lady's Pictorial.
Live Stock Journal
Lloyd's Shipping Gazette.
*Local Government Chronicle.
*Local Government Journal.
*London Argus
*London County Council's Gazette.
*London Opinion.
*Midland Counties' Herald.
Money Market Review.
*Motor Traction.
Municipal Journal.
Nation.
Nature.
New Age.
Notes and Queries.
*Patents Journal (official).
*People.
Phonetic Journal.
*Practical Engineer and Engineer's Gazette.
Punch.
Queen.
Railway Gazette.
Railway News.
Railway Review.
*Sanitary Record.
Saturday Review.
Scarbro' Gazette.
School Guardian.
Schoolmaster.
Schoolmistress.
*Shop Assistant.
Sketch.
Spectator.
Sphere.
Statist.
T.P.'s Weekly.
*Tablet.
Teacher's Aid.
*Thirsk and District News.
Truth.
*Two Worlds.
*University Correspondent.
*Whitby Times.
*Women's Franchise.
Work.
World.
*Yorkshire Chronicle and Advertiser.
Yorkshire Gazette.
*Yorkshire News.
Yorkshire Herald.
Yorkshire Post.

MONTHLY.

*Agricultural Economist.
Albany Review.
Architectural Review.
*Arms and Explosives.
*Board of Trade Labour Gazette.
Bookman.
Bradshaw's Guide.
*British Food Journal.
Cassell's Magazine.
Century.
*Certificate Examiner.
Chambers's Journal.
*Church of England League Gazette.
Commonwealth.
*Conservative and Unionist.
Contemporary Review.
Cornhill Magazine.
*Covenant People.
*Decorator.
*Deliverer.
English Illustrated Magazine.
†Entomologist.
†Entomologist's Record.
Fortnightly Review.
*Free Church Chronicle.
*Garden Cities.
Geographical Journal.
*Glad Tidings.
Harper's Magazine.
*Herald of Health.
*Herald of Peace.
*Herald of the Cross.
*Herald of the Golden Age.
*Insurance Agent and Insurance Review.
*Journal of Board of Agriculture.
†Journal of Botany.
*Journal of Clerk of Works Association.
Knowledge.
*Liberal Magazine.
*Liberator.

MONTHLY.—(Continued.)

*Liberty Review.
*Locomotive Journal.
London Magazine.
Monthly Review.
*Moravian Missions.
*Musical Herald.
Musical Times.
*Nation-in-Arms.
*National Church.
National Home Reading Union Magazines.
National Review.
†Naturalist.
*New Church Magazine.
Nineteenth Century.
*Notes from Ireland.
*Oddfellows Magazine.
Pall Mall Magazine.
*Positivist Review.
*Progress, or Priory St. Messenger.
Quiver.
*Railway Clerk.
*Rechabite and Temperance Magazine.
Reporter's Journal.
*Return of Deaths of Seamen.
Review of Reviews.
Royal Magazine.
St. Nicholas Magazine.
Scribner's Magazine.
*State Correspondent.
Strand Magazine.
*Typographical Circular.
*Vulcan.
*Warrant Officers' Naval Journal.
Windsor Magazine.
Woodworker.
World's Work.
Yorkshire Notes and Queries.
†Zoologist.
†Zoophilist.

QUARTERLY.

Edinburgh Review.
English Historical Review.
Hibbert Journal.
*Men's Magazine.
*Progress.
Quarterly Journal of Institute of Commercial Research in the Tropics, Liverpool University.
Quarterly Review.
*Temperance Witness.

OCCASIONAL.

*Colonial Newspapers and Returns.
*Lists of Hotels and Lodgings.
*Railway Time Tables.
*Traveller's Gazette.
*Various Leaflets for Emigrants.

NOTES.

Population of the City, 1901	77,914
Library Rate, one penny in the pound.	
Library Acts adopted 15th October, 1891.	
News Room Opened 1st August, 1892.	
Library Opened by H.R.H. The Duke of York, 5th October, 1893.	
Library Stock (Lending) at opening (in Vols.)	10,417
„ „ (Lending) at present time	19,379
Reference Stock	8,319
Reserve Stock	695
Total Volumes issued from commencement	2,313,972
Present Number of Borrowers (including 725 Juveniles) ...	6,235
„ „ Second or Students' Tickets in use	488

York Institute (now the Public Library) acquired by York Corporation, September 1st, 1891.

York Institute. Foundation Stone laid by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, July 18th, 1883. Opened by the Marquis of Lorne, June 10th, 1885.

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CITY OF YORK.

SIXTEENTH GENERAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Public Library Committee have satisfaction in approving the following Report of the City Librarian on the working of the Library for the year ending the 31st May, 1909 :—

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Sixteenth Annual Report on the work of the York Public Library.

The Stock in the Lending Library has increased from 19,379 volumes to 20,115. The net increase is 736. The actual number of volumes added was 1,152, but of these 352 were replacements of worn-out books, and over sixty were withdrawn without being replaced. It may be interesting to note the proportions in which these additions have been made, as distributed among the eight main divisions into which the Lending Library Stock is divided, and I therefore give them here :—

		Percentage.
A.	Religion and Philosophy	8·423
B.	Biography, History	19·701
C.	Geography, Travel, etc.	7·608
D.	Arts, Sciences, Technology	22·418
F.	Fiction	12·092
G.	Poetry and the Drama	3·125
H.	Essays and Miscellaneous Literature	10·869
J.	Juvenile Literature of all Classes	15·760

A similar statement of the proportions of the whole of the Lending Stock shews it to be as follows :—

A.	Religion and Philosophy	5·555
B.	Biography, History	15·903
C.	Geography, Travel, etc.	5·244
D.	Arts, Sciences, Technology, etc.	14·049
F.	Fiction	34·183
G.	Poetry and the Drama	2·550
H.	Essays and Miscellaneous Literature	10·176
J.	Juvenile Literature of all Classes	12·331

These figures, I submit, effectually dispose of the ridiculous assertion that we cater principally for fiction readers. Books other than Fiction have a very marked preponderance in the Stock, which is being regularly increased, not lessened, by the yearly additions.

The Stock in the Reference Library has a net increase of 517 volumes, and now includes 8,836 volumes ; Unbound Pamphlets number 234, Blue Books 599, and the Reserve Stock 756. The Total Stock of the Library therefore consists of 30,540 separate items.

The Issues in the Lending Library during the year have numbered 167,080. This is a decrease of 3,549. It is interesting to note that the reduction was chiefly in Fiction and Juvenile books, the former by 3,060 and the latter by 1,454. On the other hand, there was an increase of 965 in books other than Fiction. Of course we cannot escape fluctuations in Issues which are common to all Libraries, but there are special reasons why this year shews a reduction. The enormous work of preparation for the York Pageant, occupying almost the whole of the leisure time of many people during the Winter and Spring, has necessarily had a serious effect upon their reading, which has been neither so rapid nor continuous. Another cause is the opening or enlargement of School Libraries in Elementary Schools during the year. I greatly regret this effect of what is otherwise commendable, because I had hoped that the books in the Schools would have been largely reserved for children under twelve years of age, and that their seniors would have been sent to the Public Library for their books as heretofore. My chief reason for desiring that is a very strong belief that the formation

of the habit of attending our Library by children whilst at school is the best means of securing the reading habit by the children after they have left school. In proof of this I may point to the fact that out of the first hundred Juveniles who obtained the new Tickets which we began to issue three years ago, no less than forty-seven obtained the full Reader's Ticket when, two years afterwards, their Juvenile Ticket periods expired. In most of these cases the children would have then left school, and, allowing for the losses from change of residence and other causes, I think this strikingly supports my contention. The decrease in issues is, after all, more apparent than real, because, chiefly owing to the Closing for Stocktaking occurring somewhat differently from the previous year, the number of days on which the Library was open for the issue of books was less by seven ; consequently the actual daily average for the number of days open shews a slight increase, being 628 volumes as against 622.

The recorded Issues in the Reference Library are greater by 251, and the unrecorded Issues undoubtedly increase. Not only are visitors allowed to help themselves to such books as are on open shelves, but in the effort to cause readers the least possible trouble, particularly when they are in a hurry, many returns are insufficiently filled up and the use of the books is not fully given. Consequently our records suffer though more work is done. It is surprising to find how many intelligent people conjure up all sorts of difficulties, such as that they must posssess a Ticket or make some payment before they can use the Reference Library. These difficulties are of course imaginary, yet if it were not for them I am convinced a still more rapid growth in the use of the Reference Library would result, as those who come once are found to come again. But figures cannot in any case adequately show the real use of such a Library. Every effort is made to find something that will assist the reader who is in search of information, and this often means a good deal of thought and time in hunting for it. In a few of the larger Libraries what is known as an Information Bureau is now being established. It is my wish, so far as the limits of our means and our time permit, to make the Library generally serve that end, and instances are not wanting to shew the attainment of that purpose. What we most need is some means by which the people of the City generally can be made to understand the value of a Reference Library, of the use of which they have had no previous experience, and that of course cannot be easily or quickly accomplished.

The decision to print and publish Class Lists, prepared with the Dewey Classification as a basis, will serve several useful purposes; but, as it is determined that their compilation shall include the books in the Lending as well as in the Reference Library, their preparation will occupy considerable time, as the Classification in the Lending Library is not the same but must be altered accordingly. Incidentally, one advantage of this will be to make possible in some future year the reorganization of the shelving of books, so as to bring the method into harmony with that now in use in the Reference Library, and so prepare for any possible change in the method of issue of the more solid literature that may be desired.

The total number of Tickets available for use which are in the hands of borrowers is 6,582. They include 5,506 ordinary Tickets, 631 Students' Non-Fiction Tickets, and 445 Juvenile Tickets, the latter shewing a decrease of 280.

Amongst the miscellaneous items of interest may be noted that the Annual Stocktaking has again shewn the very small loss of only one volume, though 852 persons had been served with reminders or visited before their books were obtained, and over 100 failed to return them at the Stocktaking, causing inconvenience to us and loss to themselves; the payments on account of loss or fines numbered 4,889; 983 volumes were re-bound or re-cased, and the issues of Braille or Moon printed books for the blind were 430. The attendance in the Reading Rooms is still very large, and the special efforts to popularise the Library and make it more and more useful to the casual enquirer and the regular reader, which have been referred to in previous Reports, have been successfully continued. More detailed information will be found in the tables and other matter shewn in the Appendix to this Report.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR H. FURNISH,

York, *June, 1909.* *City Librarian.*

Your Committee have received and acknowledged with thanks during the year various gifts of books, pamphlets, and periodicals from friends of the Library whose names appear in the list given in the Appendix.

Your Committee desire to acknowledge the help of the Editors of the local Daily and Weekly Newspapers in the frequent publication of Reading Lists and information about the Library.

Your Committee have exercised every economy in keeping within the limit of a penny rate, and it is satisfactory to note that they have been successful except to the extent of £4 1s. 11d., which from the funds in hand on the Book Purchasing Fund Account has been transferred to meet the deficit. During the year the Loan Debt has been reduced to £3,003 19s. 6d., being Loans owing £3,250, less amount provided in Sinking Fund £246 0s. 6d. On Revenue account the Penny Rate realised £1,687 2s. 8d., and Rent of Class Rooms, Sales of Catalogues, Fines and Miscellaneous Receipts made the total Income £1,845 6s. 11d. The ordinary expenditure amounted to £1,849 8s. 10d., leaving a deficit balance on the year of £4 1s. 11d., which has been met as stated above. During the year there has been paid out of the Book Purchasing and Alterations Fund Account £80 2s. 10d. on further account of Alterations. A full financial statement appears in the printed Abstract of the Accounts of the York Corporation.

E. W. PURNELL,

13th July, 1909. *Chairman.*

APPENDIX.

LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

Volumes in the Lending Library, 31st May, 1908		19,379
Added since:—		
By Purchase...	776	
By Gift	22	
By Transfer from Reference	2	
	——	800
		20,179
*Deductions in Re-placing	2	
Withdrawn	60	
Transfer...	2	
	——	64
Total Volumes in Lending Library, 31st May, 1909		20,115

*Works in 354 Volumes were re-placed by 352 Volumes; 948 Volumes have been re-bound, and 35 Volumes re-cased.

ANALYSIS OF LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	Stock, 31st May, 1908.		Stock, 31st May, 1909.	
	Works.	Volumes.	Works.	Volumes.
A. Religion and Philosophy... ...	984	1056	1046	1118
B. Biography, History	2454	3054	2590	3199
C. Travel	927	999	981	1055
D. Art, Sciences, &c....	2559	2661	2721	2826
F. Fiction	6445	6787	6547	6876
G. Poetry and the Drama	407	490	423	513
H. Essays and General Literature ...	1756	1967	1834	2047
J. Juvenile Literature of all Classes	2365	2365	2481	2481
	17,897	19,379	18,623	20,115

REFERENCE LIBRARY—STOCK ACCOUNT.

Volumes in Stock, year ending May 31st, 1908		8,319
Added since :—		
By Purchase	401	
By Gift	123	
By Transfer	2	
		526
		8845
Deduct :—		
By Transfer	3	
Finally Withdrawn	6	
		9
		8,836
Volumes in the Reserve Stock	756	
Pamphlets	234	
Government Blue Books	599	

ANALYSIS OF REFERENCE LIBRARY STOCK.

Class.	Stock, 1908.	Stock, 1909.
0 General Works...	1529	1575
1 Philosophy	115	119
2 Religion...	494	522
3 Sociology	623	685
4 Philology	160	167
5 Natural Science	610	656
6 Useful Arts	387	419
7 Fine Arts	495	561
8 Literature	1181	1216
9 History, Biography, Travel	2725	2916
	8319	8836

NUMBER OF ISSUES.—LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Month.	A Theology. Philosophy.	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Sciences.	F Fiction.	G Poetry and the Drama.	H Essays and General Literature.	J Juvenile Literature.	Total.	*Daily Average for Days Open.
1908—1909.										
June... ...	110	233	158	495	5301	58	315	1733	8403	560
July	112	351	262	637	8058	74	481	3057	13032	554
August ...	159	337	298	689	8620	84	582	2983	13752	598
September ...	192	429	273	1094	9272	102	554	2861	14777	615
October ...	200	552	255	1194	10594	106	718	2911	16530	675
November ...	255	618	293	1328	9298	107	724	2769	15392	669
December ...	186	596	292	1278	8513	75	689	2585	14214	632
January ...	222	539	357	1182	10325	106	754	3047	16532	688
February ...	250	528	332	1102	9330	99	662	2652	14955	680
March ...	246	590	349	1150	10241	107	666	2924	16273	651
April ...	220	424	269	959	8349	103	575	2507	13406	624
May... ...	152	328	200	647	6336	95	399	1657	9814	504
	2304	5525	3338	11755	104237	1116	7119	31686	167080	624

Days open ... 267½ *Fractions not shewn.

The above Table shews the number of separate applications for Books. The next Table shews the number of Volumes so borrowed. In the Daily Average Columns fractions are not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED.—LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Month.	A Theology. Philosophy.	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Science.	F Fiction.	G Poetry and the Drama.	H Essays and General Literature.	J Juvenile Literature.	Total.	*Daily Average for Days Open.
1908—1909.										
June... ...	110	238	159	496	5317	60	316	1733	8429	562
July	112	360	264	641	8076	74	482	3057	13066	556
August ...	160	349	301	691	8632	84	583	2983	13783	599
September ...	192	436	275	1096	9303	102	557	2861	14822	618
October ...	200	568	262	1195	10641	106	718	2911	16601	677
November ...	258	640	299	1329	9345	109	724	2769	15473	673
December ...	186	613	296	1283	8541	78	691	2585	14273	634
January ...	225	550	362	1186	10357	106	755	3047	16588	691
February ...	250	548	334	1108	9361	99	663	2660	15023	683
March ...	246	591	349	1153	10273	107	666	3024	16409	656
April ...	220	432	269	961	8380	103	575	2509	13449	626
May... ...	152	331	202	648	6370	95	400	1657	9855	505
	2311	5656	3372	11787	104596	1123	7130	31796	167771	628

Days open ... 267½. *Fractions not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED.—REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Month.	0 General Works.	1 Philosophy.	2 Religion.	3 Sociology.	4 Philology.	5 Natural Science.	6 Useful Arts.	7 Fine Arts.	8 Literature.	9 History, Biography, Travel.	Totals.
1908—1909.											
June... ...	102	3	23	62	27	66	30	26	74	191	604
July... ...	39	14	12	40	4	65	38	56	20	195	483
August ...	44	8	12	63	36	35	20	54	73	437	782
September ...	52	2	47	101	30	38	28	113	52	453	916
October ...	143	6	50	53	39	112	29	91	56	292	871
November ...	86	19	53	145	32	68	52	96	54	284	889
December ...	44	15	10	65	21	34	44	100	26	160	519
January ...	102	7	24	87	21	37	72	102	42	255	749
February ...	110	38	27	53	27	123	52	96	65	256	847
March ...	34	1	21	104	11	71	116	92	69	335	854
April ...	67	7	8	119	39	74	62	77	16	307	776
May... ...	65	9	27	37	19	108	32	122	19	192	630
	888	129	314	929	306	831	575	1025	566	3357	8920

MAGAZINE ROOM ATTENDANCES.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
1908—1909.			
June...	25	11534	461
July...	27	12673	469
August	25	11996	479
September	26	13311	512
October	27	12509	463
November	25	10254	410
December	25	11153	446
January	26	11925	458
February	24	12469	519
March	27	11460	424
April	24	10447	435
May...	25	10384	339
	306	140115	458

NEWS ROOM ATTENDANCES.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
1908—1909.			
June...	26	28333	1090
July...	27	30045	1113
August	26	30118	1158
September	26	30713	1181
October	27	29781	1103
November	25	25439	1018
December	26	35016	1400
January	26	38477	1479
February	24	35491	1478
March	27	39637	1468
April	25	30344	1214
May...	26	32262	1237
	311	385656	1240

TABLE SHEWING NUMBER OF BORROWERS ON MAY 31ST, 1909.

ELECTORS:—Males	1263	
Females	197	1460
NON-ELECTORS:—Males	1775	
Females	2271	4046
STUDENTS' TICKETS		631
JUVENILE TICKETS		445
Total		6582

DONATIONS.

Gifts have been received from the Agents-General for Canada, Queensland, New Zealand and Western Australia; Mr. George Allen, London; Assistant Superintendent of Emigration, London; Captain Backe, York; Rev. W. H. F. Bateman, York; Messrs. Bennett & Co., Birmingham; Mr. George Benson, York; Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, London; British and Foreign Unitarian Association, London; British Museum, London; Mr. J. R. Broadbent, Liverpool; Mr. J. G. Butcher, K.C., Riccall; Mr. W. Camidge, York; Census and Statistics Office, Ottawa, Canada; Senor Ramos Coelho, Lisbon; Captain Muirhead Collins, London; Mr. T. P. Cooper, York; Council of the New Church College, Islington; Sir E. Durning-Laurence, London; Editor, London Matriculation Directory, Cambridge; Executors of the late Mr. Thomas Fawcett, York; H. M. Patent Office, London; H. M. Stationery Office, London; Mr. W. Hall, Folkestone; Mr. J. Hazelhurst, Birmingham; Mr. Auberon Herbert; The High Commissoner for New Zealand, London; Mr. J. R. Hill, J.P., York; Dr. Gerald S. Hughes, York; "Hungary" Budapest; Incorporated Accountants' Society, London; Institute of Chartered Accountants, London; Institute of Chemistry, London; Mr. Jesse Jackson, York; Captain R. E. Key, Fulford Hall; Mr. C. J. Kleiser, York; The John Rylands Library, Manchester; Messrs. Ben Johnson & Co., York; Messrs. C. and E. Layton, London; London College of Music; "Mates' Illustrated

Guides," Bournemouth; Messrs. Mather & Crowther, London; Medical Officer of Health, York; Methodist Publishing House, London; Mr. Francis Minton, Cottingham, Yorks.; Mr. Councillor J. B. Morrell, York; Mr. David Murray, Glasgow; National Boiler and General Insurance Co., Manchester; National Union of Teachers, London; Officer of the Commonwealth of Australia, London; Norwich Corporation; The Pageant Committee, York; Lord Peckover, Wisbech; Messrs. Perry & Co., London; Railway Clerks' Association, London; Mr. Ralph Richardson, Bridge of Earn, N.B.; Research Defence Society, London; Mr. Joseph Rowntree, York; Mr. George Shann, York; Mr. W. J. Simpson, Stockport; Mr. W. E. Snell, London; Rev. Dr. Solloway, York; Mr. M. H. Spielmann, London; Stubbs' Publishing Co., London; Mr. Henry J. Swallow, Hawthorn Rectory, Sunderland; Tariff Reform League, London; Messrs. Thom & Co., Ltd., Dublin; Trinity College of Music, London; Town and County Directories, Ltd.; The Town Clerk, York; Mr. Turner, York; Universities of Birmingham, Dublin, Durham, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, London, and Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, U.S.A.; Volta Bureau, Washington, U.S.A.; Wesleyan Methodist Conference Committee, York; York Chamber of Commerce; York Education Committee; York Liberal Association; "Yorkshire Herald" Co., York; and from anonymous friends.

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Reports or Bulletins, &c., from the following Libraries:—Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Baltimore City, U.S.A. (Enoch Pratt), Barnsley, Barrow-in-Furness, Belfast, Beverley. Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Bromley, Brooklyn, N.Y. (Pratt Institute), Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Croydon, Darlington, Derby, Dewsbury, Dundee, Gateshead, Glasgow (Stirling's), Gloucester, Grand Rapids, U.S.A., Hanley, Hove, Hyde, Keighley, Kettering, Kidderminster, Kingston-upon-Thames, Leeds, Leek (Nicholson Institute), Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln, London:—Battersea, Chelsea, Finsbury, Hammersmith, Hornsey, Kilburn, Shoreditch, Stoke Newington, Wandsworth, Westminster, Willesden Green; Los Angeles, U.S.A., Loughborough, Middlesborough, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, New York (Aston Lennox), Norwich, Nottingham, Osaka (Japan), Paisley, Penarth, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Providence, U.S.A., Rochdale, St. Helens, Salem (Mass., U.S.A.), Salford, Smethwick, Tottenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Watford, West Bromwich, West Hartlepool, Whitehaven, Wigan, Wimbledon, Windsor, Worcester, Workington.

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS SUPPLIED TO THE NEWSROOM.

Those marked * are presented.

DAILY.

*Birmingham Daily Post.
Daily Dispatch.
Daily Express.
Daily Graphic.
Daily Mail.
Daily News.
Daily Telegraph.
Eastern Morning News.
Financial News.
Freeman's Journal.
Glasgow Herald.
Irish Times.
Leeds Mercury.
Liverpool Mercury.
London Daily Chronicle.
Manchester Guardian.
Morning Leader.
Morning Post.
Newcastle Chronicle.
North Mail.
Northern Echo.
*Nottingham Daily Express.
Pall Mall Magazine.
Scotsman.
Sheffield Daily Telegraph.
Standard.
Times.
Westminster Gazette.
Yorkshire Daily Observer.
Yorkshire Evening News.
Yorkshire Evening Post.
Yorkshire Evening Press.
Yorkshire Herald.
Yorkshire Post.

WEEKLY.

Academy.
Amateur Gardening.
Amateur Photographer.
American Machinist.
*Aspirant.
Athenæum.
Auto-Motor Journal.
*Banner of Israel.
*Bible Advocate.
Black and White.
*Blackpool Papers.
*Board of Trade Journal.
Bookman.
*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory.
Boy's Own Paper.
British Journal of Photography.
*British Weekly.
Broad Arrow.
Builder.
Builder's Journal.
Cabinet Maker.
*Canada.
Canary and Cage Bird Life.
*Catholic Fireside.
*Catholic Times.
*Christian World.
*Civil Service and Commercial Weekly.
*Civil Service Candidate.
*Civil Service Competitor.
*Clarion.
*Co-operative News.
Country Life.
Country Side.
*Cumberland Pacquet.
Economist.
Electrical Review.
Engineer.
English Mechanic.
Era.
Exchange and Mart (3 times per week).
Feathered World.
Field.
Gentlewoman.
Graphic.
Horticultural Journal.
Hospital.
Illustrated London News.
*Illustrated Offic'l Journal (Patents).
Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News.

WEEKLY.—(Continued).

*Investor's Guardian.
Labour Leader.
Lady.
Lady's Pictorial.
Live Stock Journal.
Lloyd's Shipping Gazette.
*Local Government Chronicle.
*Local Government Journal.
*London County Council's Gazette.
*Midland Counties' Herald.
Money Market Review.
*Motor Traction.
*Municipal Gazette and London Argus.
Municipal Journal.
Nation.
Nature.
New Age.
Notes and Queries.
*Notes from Ireland.
*People.
Phonetic Journal.
*Practical Engineer and Engineer's Gazette.
Punch.
Queen.
Railway Gazette.
Railway News.
Railway Review.
*Sanitary Record.
Saturday Review.
Scarboro' Gazette.
School Guardian.
Schoolmaster.
Schoolmistress.
*Shop Assistant.
Sketch.
Spectator.
Sphere.
*Standard of Empire.
*Statist.
T.P.'s Weekly.
*Tablet.
Teacher's Aid.
*Thirsk and District News.
Truth.
*Two Worlds.
*University Correspondent.
*Whitby Gazette.
*Whitby Times.
*Women's Franchise.
Woodworker.
Work.
World.
*Yorkshire Chronicle & Advertiser.
Yorkshire Gazette.
Yorkshire Herald.
*Yorkshire News.
Yorkshire Post.

MONTHLY.

*Agricultural Economist.
Architectural Review.
*Arms and Explosives.
Army List.
Art Journal.
*Board of Trade Labour Gazette.
Bookman.
Bradshaw's Railway Guide.
Cassell's Magazine.
Century Magazine.
Chambers's Journal.
*Church Gazette.
Commonwealth.
Connoisseur.
*Conservative and Unionist.
Contemporary Review.
Cornhill Magazine.
*Correspondent.
*Decorator.
*Deliverer.
English Illustrated Magazine.
*Englishwoman.
Fortnightly Review.
*Free Church Chronicle.
Fry's Magazine.
*Garden Cities.
Geographical Journal.
Girl's Own Paper.
*Glad Tidings.
Harper's Magazine.
*Herald of Health.
*Herald of Peace.
*Herald of the Cross.
*Home Monthly.
*Insurance Agent and Insurance Review.
International, The
*Journal of Board of Agriculture.
*Journal of Clerk of Works Association.

MONTHLY.—(Continued.)

Knowledge.
*Lendal Congregational Church Magazine.
*Liberal Magazine.
*Liberal Monthly.
*Liberator.
*Liberty Review.
*Locomotive Journal.
London Magazine.
*Moravian Missions.
*Musical Herald.
Musical Times.
*Nation-in-Arms.
*National Church.
National Home Reading Union Magazines.
National Review.
*New Church Magazine.
Nineteenth Century.
*Oddfellows' Magazine.
Pall Mall Magazine.
Pearson's Magazine.
*Positivist Review.
Practical Teacher.
Quiver.
*Railway Clerk.
*Rechabite & Temperance Magazine
Reporter's Journal.
*Representation.
Review of Reviews.
Royal Magazine.
St. Nicholas Magazine.
*Salem Message.
Scribner's Magazine.
*Socialist Review.
*State Correspondent.
Strand Magazine.
Studio.
*Travellers' Gazette.
*Typographical Circular.
*Vulcan.
*Warrant Officers' & Naval Journal.
Windsor Magazine.
World's Work.

QUARTERLY.

*Anti-Slavery Reporter.
*Bird Notes and News.
Edinburgh Review.
English Historical Review.
Hibbert Journal.
*Men's Magazine.
*Patents.
*Progress.
Quarterly Review.
*Return of Deaths of Seamen.
*Temperance Witness.

NOTES.

Population of the City, 1901	77,914
Library Rate, one penny in the pound.	
Library Acts Adopted 15th October, 1891.	
News Room Opened 1st August, 1892.	
Library Opened by H.R.H. The Duke of York, 5th October, 1893.	
Library Stock (Lending) at opening (in Vols.)	10,417
,, ,, (Lending) at present time	20,115
Reference Stock	8,836
Reserve Stock	756
Government Blue Books	599
Pamphlets (Unbound)	234
Total Volumes issued from commencement	2,490,663
Present Number of Borrowers (including 445 Juveniles) ...	5,951
,, ,, Second or Students' Tickets in use ...	631

York Institute (now the Public Library) acquired by York Corporation, 1st September, 1891.

York Institute. Foundation Stone laid by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, 18th July, 1883. Opened by the Marquis of Lorne, June 10th, 1885.

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CITY OF YORK.

SEVENTEENTH GENERAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Public Library Committee have satisfaction in approving the following Report of the City Librarian on the working of the Library for the year ending the 31st May, 1910:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Seventeenth Annual Report, and briefly summarise the chief results to be found fully set forth in the Tables presented herewith.

The total Book Stock now consists of 31,876 items, a net gain of 1,336 during the year.

In the Lending Library the Stock is now 20,637 volumes, giving a net increase of 522. No less than 1,256 volumes have, however, been added, as 382 were supplied to replace worn-out books, and 347 others were withdrawn, being out of print or no longer of sufficient interest to justify replacement. This yearly weeding-out has the effect of keeping the Stock smaller than it might be otherwise made to appear, but it is better to have a smaller collection of live books rather than an accumulation of Works which have no interest in the present day, and no particular value of a literary or local character, on which further expenditure would have to be incurred. As the Tables shewing the proportions of the Lending Library Stock and the Class Additions which I gave in last year's Report were found specially interesting, I give here the following Table, shewing a comparison of the Lending Stock for the two years and the effect of the changes during the last twelve months:—

		Lending Library Stock.	
		1909.	1910.
A.	Religion and Philosophy	5.555	5.732
B.	Biography, History	15.903	16.059
C.	Geography, Travel, etc.	5 244	5.461
D.	Arts, Sciences, Technology, etc. ...	14.049	14.735
F.	Fiction	34.183	32.686
G.	Poetry and the Drama	2.550	2.563
H.	Essays and Miscellaneous Literature ...	10.176	10.263
J.	Juvenile Literature of all Classes ...	12.331	12.501

It will be seen that the reduction in Class F (Prose Fiction) which was noted last year is still being continued, whilst the other Classes are without exception being increased.

In the Reference Library there is now a Stock of 9,386 volumes, exclusive of 313 unbound Pamphlets, 786 Blue Books, and a number of unbound Magazines and other matters. The Reserve Stock now contains 754 volumes. A gratifying feature is the steady growth of the Local Collection. This, though rather doubtfully regarded by some as being somewhat of an effort to form a Local Literary Museum, is proving to be a really useful work, interesting and helpful to many in the present, and likely to be of incalculable value to the historical enquirer in the future. Such a Collection as I contemplate cannot be got together without much trouble and some expense, and even then only gradually during many years, but the additions during the past twelve months shew satisfactory progress.

In the Lending Library the Issues shew a decrease, having fallen from 167,080 to 158,393. The two Classes in which the decrease has occurred are those of Fiction and Juvenile Books, the more solid Classes having an actual increase over the previous year's figures. Fluctuations are always difficult to explain with any certainty, but I am of opinion that the increased attention given to sports and recreations, which also, like our Issues, fluctuate in popularity, has had a considerable effect, the time left for reading by those taking part in them being lessened when some particular form of amusement is being boomed. The reading of a book therefore takes a longer period, though the habit of reading is not wholly given up. This view is supported by the fact that the number of Fines paid during the year is greater by 435 than the previous year's total of 4,889, being 5,324. It is further confirmed by the Table of Issues, which shews that in each of the last four months of the year (February, March, April and May) the daily average was really greater than during

the same months of the previous year, indicating a return to the normal habit. This increase, occurring at the time of the reported waning of enthusiasm for a certain form of recreation which had become exceedingly popular, supports my view that the decrease may be regarded as a merely temporary one. Probably the enormous output by publishing firms of cheap reprints which has marked the year has also had some effect. In the end that will have no continuing adverse influence upon the work of Public Libraries, for the habit of reading grows, and the more books people have the more they are inclined to see and read. Whilst they may to some extent supply themselves with cheap Fiction, they will be certain to look to the Libraries for the more costly books of a more strictly educative kind. What I most regret is the reduction in the Issue of Books in the Juvenile Library, for I feel very strongly that the attachment of the Juvenile reader to the Public Library is the strongest security for his continued interest in Books and in the further education that is open to him after he has left school. It would appear that a larger number are transferring themselves from the Juvenile to the Senior Library than are being replaced by other young children from the Schools.

The Reference Library continues to grow in public favour, the recorded use being 11,511 as against 8,920. The unrecorded use is undoubtedly much larger than it has been previously. Much of the work done cannot be tabulated, and readers are frequently served without the necessary particulars being retained; but it is satisfactory to note an increased interest and use by Visitors of all classes and occupations, and my confidence in the ultimate recognition of its great value as a centre of educational usefulness which is necessary to a large population is yet more assured.

The work of Classifying the contents of both Reference and Lending Libraries, and of publishing Class Lists or Catalogues shewing those contents together, is making satisfactory progress, though it is necessarily slow. During the year three Lists have been printed and published, giving all the Books on Fine Arts, Useful Arts and Natural Science, and copy for the section on Sociology is now well advanced towards completion. It is to be regretted that the sale of these useful publications is very small, but their utility is undoubted, and they are frequently consulted at the Library by those who wish to find out all the Library possesses on any given subject. The Card Catalogue, recently extended,

in the Lending Library, which is now kept up to date and supplied with entries under many possible headings, has become very popular with a large number of Borrowers. This, together with the frequent insertion of Book and Reading Lists in the local Newspapers, which the courtesy of their Editors permits, seems to meet all the needs of many Borrowers, and the sale of Catalogues is therefore restricted. A large number of readers, however, particularly those frequenting the Reference Library, rely more and more upon the members of the Staff for guidance as to the books that will supply their need. On the other hand there are still those who prefer to choose for themselves without revealing the object of their search, and indeed rather resent proffered assistance. To them good Catalogues are a necessity, and it is clearly desirable to do all we can to meet these diverse views of the general public, though it may occasion additional expense.

The total number of Tickets available for use in the Lending Library is 6,276, of which 702 are Students' Tickets and 302 Juveniles'.

The Stocktaking has again been thoroughly done, with the result that only one volume cannot be accounted for.

The popularity of the News and Reading Rooms has again been fully maintained. Nothing calling for particular comment has occurred, if I except the trouble caused by one of the pests of Free Institutions who has repeatedly mutilated the periodicals provided for the free use of the Citizens.

Other features of the Library work might be referred to, but, as they have been mentioned in previous Reports, it is only necessary to say that they have been successfully continued. Much more might of course be done if the income permitted, and visions arise of the possibilities open to us when the income may be increased; but it is gratifying to see the quiet satisfaction of the large numbers who use the institution, and evidently find in it a business help, an educational force, and an intellectual recreation.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR H. FURNISH

York, *June, 1910.* *City Librarian.*

Your Committee have again received and acknowledged with thanks various Gifts of Books, Pamphlets, Periodicals, etc., but they observe that these are generally from the same friends every year. Whilst grateful for the continued interest thus shewn, they regret that more of the Citizens who possess books, particularly those of local interest or printing, do not recognise the opportunity for a good and lasting work by presenting them to the Reference Library, where they may be consulted at any time by themselves or by the general public.

Acknowledgment is again due and is hereby tendered by your Committee to the Editors of the local Newspapers, for the publication of Reading Lists, Book Additions, and other information concerning the work of the Library. This help is much valued by the public as well as by your Committee.

Every effort has been made to secure economy in the expenditure and to keep within the limit of the penny Rate, and your Committee have satisfaction in reporting that this object has been realized. During the year the Loan Debt has been reduced to £2,916 14s. 5d., being Loans owing £2,950, less amount provided in Sinking Fund £33 5s. 7d. On Revenue Account the Penny Rate realized £1,690 9s. 9d., and Rent of Class Rooms, Sale of Catalogues, Fines, and Miscellaneous Receipts made the total Income £1,887 3s. 11d. The ordinary Expenditure amounted to £1,869 19s. 3d., leaving a Surplus balance on the year of £17 4s. 8d., which has been placed to the credit of the Book-Purchasing Fund. A full financial statement appears in the printed Abstract of the Accounts of the York Corporation.

E. W. PURNELL,

12th July, 1910. *Chairman.*

APPENDIX.

LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

Volumes in the Lending Library, 31st May, 1909		20,115
Added since :—		
By Purchase	810	
By Gift	64	
By Transfer from Reference	2	
		876
		20,991
*Deductions in Re-binding and Re-placing	6	
Withdrawn	347	
Transfer	1	
		354
Total Volumes in Lending Library, 31st May, 1910		20,637

*Works in 386 Volumes were re-placed by 382 Volumes; 852 Volumes have been re-bound into 850 Volumes, and 11 Volumes re-cased.

ANALYSIS OF LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	Stock, 31st May, 1909.		Stock, 31st May, 1910.	
	Works.	Volumes.	Works.	Volumes.
A Religion and Philosophy	1046	1118	1108	1183
B Biography, History	2590	3199	2692	3314
C Travel	981	1055	1053	1127
D Arts, Sciences, &c.	2721	2826	2932	3041
F Fiction	6547	6876	6485	6745
G Poetry and the Drama	423	513	438	529
H Essays and General Literature ...	1834	2047	1906	2118
J Juvenile Literature of all Classes	2481	2481	2580	2580
	18,623	20,115	19,194	20,637

REFERENCE LIBRARY—STOCK ACCOUNT.

Volumes in Stock, year ending May 31st, 1909		8,836
Added since :—		
By Purchase	343	
By Gift	212	
By Transfer	1	
		556
		9,392
Deduct :—		
By Transfer	4	
By Binding	2	
		6
		9,386
Volumes in the Reserve Stock	754	
Pamphlets	313	
Government Blue Books	786	

ANALYSIS OF REFERENCE LIBRARY STOCK.

Class.	Stock, 1909.	Stock, 1910.
0 General Works...	1575	1647
1 Philosophy	119	122
2 Religion	522	547
3 Sociology	685	846
4 Philology	167	171
5 Natural Science	656	685
6 Useful Arts	419	455
7 Fine Arts	561	602
8 Literature	1216	1266
9 History, Biography, Travel	2916	3045
	8836	9386

NUMBER OF ISSUES—LENDING LIBRARY.

MONTH.	A Theology, Philosophy	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Sciences.	F Fiction.	G Poetry & the Drama.	H Essays and General Literature.	J Juvenile Literature.	Total.	*Daily Average for Days Open.
1909—10.										
June... ...	127	256	212	592	5652	54	354	1258	8505	567
July	144	439	298	781	7915	95	484	2035	12191	498
August ...	157	387	225	729	7454	81	479	2128	11640	506
September ...	178	384	324	986	8333	126	587	2269	13187	561
October ...	260	507	323	1179	9486	119	635	2606	15115	630
November ...	238	530	381	1084	8730	103	687	2420	14173	591
December ...	208	430	331	935	8233	99	642	2478	13356	594
January ...	172	485	316	1021	9364	116	725	2830	15029	626
February ...	209	539	444	1215	9316	115	687	2906	15431	701
March ...	255	529	486	1232	9032	97	716	2898	15245	678
April ...	226	571	503	1334	9201	100	688	3016	15639	652
May... ...	102	308	288	707	5303	79	408	1687	8882	538
	2276	5365	4131	11795	98019	1184	7092	28531	158393	597

Days open ... 265½ *Fractions not shewn.

The above Table shews the number of separate applications for Books. The next Table shews the number of Volumes so borrowed. In the Daily Average Columns fractions are not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—LENDING LIBRARY.

MONTH.	A Theology, Philosophy.	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Sciences.	F Fiction.	G Poetry & the Drama.	H Essays and General Literature.	J Juvenile Literature.	Total.	*Daily Average for Days Open
1909—10.										
June... ...	127	262	212	593	5661	54	354	1258	8521	568
July	144	439	298	784	7932	95	485	2035	12212	498
August ...	157	399	225	731	7470	81	482	2128	11673	508
September ...	180	388	326	986	8344	126	587	2269	13206	562
October ...	260	521	324	1181	9524	119	636	2606	15171	632
November ...	238	536	385	1085	8762	103	688	2420	14217	592
December ...	209	432	334	939	8267	101	642	2478	13402	596
January ...	173	494	316	1023	9402	116	727	2830	15081	628
February ...	209	549	445	1219	9345	115	689	2906	15477	704
March ...	256	543	487	1234	9055	97	717	2898	15287	679
April ...	227	594	510	1342	9213	101	691	3016	15694	654
May... ...	102	313	290	708	5305	79	408	1687	8892	538
	2282	5470	4152	11825	98280	1187	7106	28531	158833	598

Days open ... 265½ *Fractions not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED.—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Month.	0 General Works.	1 Philosophy.	2 Religion.	3 Sociology.	4 Philology.	5 Natural Science.	6 Useful Arts.	7 Fine Arts.	8 Literature.	9 History, Biography, Travel.	Totals.
1909—1910.											
June... ...	119	15	14	107	20	55	40	75	23	323	791
July... ...	55	7	27	51	52	110	34	34	23	355	748
August ...	49	6	26	74	22	66	63	106	46	311	769
September ...	62	22	16	59	17	59	104	90	120	355	904
October ...	75	13	32	90	37	71	68	93	65	343	887
November ...	127	10	33	73	38	43	40	78	65	404	911
December ...	79	7	19	41	24	40	46	69	39	174	538
January ...	292	15	30	64	65	40	20	107	42	231	906
February ...	382	18	38	143	37	61	60	127	67	425	1358
March ...	513	18	44	50	24	51	33	120	107	357	1317
April ...	608	4	32	66	20	44	132	125	92	224	1347
May ...	424	6	31	44	13	67	65	103	63	219	1035
	2785	141	342	862	369	707	705	1127	752	3721	11511

MAGAZINE ROOM ATTENDANCES.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
1909—1910.			
June	26	11415	439
July	27	11087	411
August...	25	8727	349
September	26	8849	340
October	26	11183	430
November	26	10730	413
December	25	10346	414
January	26	10833	417
February	24	10468	436
March	25	11430	457
April	26	10352	398
May	24	9155	381
	306	124575	407

NEWS ROOM ATTENDANCES.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances	Daily Average.
1909—1910.			
June...	26	30333	1166
July	27	28782	1066
August	26	26041	1002
September	26	27360	1052
October	26	27724	1066
November	26	28765	1106
December	26	28442	1094
January	26	35670	1372
February	24	40144	1673
March	26	41984	1615
April	26	35514	1366
May...	25	31593	1264
	310	382352	1233

TABLE SHEWING NUMBER OF BORROWERS ON MAY 31, 1910.

ELECTORS:—Males	1171	
Females	145	1316
NON-ELECTORS:—Males	1775	
Females	2181	3956
STUDENTS' TICKETS		702
JUVENILE TICKETS		302
		6276

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LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS SUPPLIED TO THE NEWSROOM.

Those marked * are presented.

DAILY.

*Birmingham Daily Post.
Daily Chronicle.
Daily Dispatch.
Daily Express.
Daily Mail.
Daily Mirror.
Daily News.
Daily Sketch.
Daily Telegraph.
Eastern Morning News.
Financial News.
Freeman's Journal.
Glasgow Herald.
Irish Times.
Leeds Mercury.
Liverpool Mercury.
Manchester Guardian.
Morning Leader.
Morning Post.
Newcastle Chronicle.
North Mail.
Northern Echo.
*Nottingham Daily Express.
Pall Mall Gazette.
Scotsman.
Sheffield Daily Independent.
Sheffield Daily Telegraph.
Standard.
Times.
Westminster Gazette.
Yorkshire Daily Observer.
Yorkshire Evening News.
Yorkshire Evening Post.
Yorkshire Evening Press.
Yorkshire Herald.
Yorkshire Post.

WEEKLY.

Academy.
Amateur Gardening.
Amateur Photographer.
American Machinist.
Architects' and Builders' Journal.
*Aspirant.
Athenæum.
*Auto-Motor Journal.
*Banner of Israel.
Black and White.
*Blackpool Herald.
*Board of Trade Journal.
*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory.
Boy's Own Paper.
British Journal of Photography.
*British Weekly.
Broad Arrow.
Builder.
Bystander.
Cabinet Maker.
*Canada.
Canary and Cage Bird Life.
*Catholic Fireside.
Christian Commonwealth.
*Christian World.
*Civil Service Candidate.
*Civil Service Competitor.
Clarion.
*Clark's Weekly.
*Co-operative News.
*Correspondent.
Country Life.
*Cumberland Pacquet.
Economist.
Electrical Review.
Engineer.
English Mechanic.
Era.
Exchange and Mart (3 times per week)
Feathered World.
Field.
*Financial Outlook.
*Flight.
Gentlewoman.
Graphic.
*Guardian.
Horticultural Journal.

WEEKLY.—Continued.

Hospital.
Illustrated London News.
*Illustrated Official Journal.(Patents)
Illus. Sporting and Dramatic News.
*India.
*Investors' Guardian.
*Irish Catholic.
Labour Leader.
Lady.
Lady's Pictorial.
Live Stock Journal.
Lloyd's Shipping Gazette.
*Local Government Chronicle.
*Local Government Journal.
*London County Council Gazette.
*Midland Counties Herald.
Money Market Review.
*Motor Traction.
Municipal Journal.
Nation.
Nature.
Notes and Queries.
*People.
Phonetic Journal.
*Pocklington News.
*Practical Engineering.
Public Opinion.
Punch.
Queen.
Railway Gazette.
Railway News.
Railway Review.
*Sanitary Record.
Saturday Review.
School Guardian.
Schoolmaster.
Schoolmistress.
*Shop Assistant.
Sketch.
Spectator.
Sphere.
*Standard of Empire.
Statist.
T.P.'s Weekly.
*Tablet.
Tatler.
Teacher's Aid.
*Thirsk and District News.
Truth.
*Two Worlds.
*University Correspondent.
*Whitby Gazette.
*Whitby Times.
Work.
World.
*Yorkshire Chronicle and Advertiser.
Yorkshire Gazette.
Yorkshire Herald.
*Yorkshire News.
Yorkshire Weekly Post.

MONTHLY.

*Agricultural Economist.
*Animal's Friend.
*Animal's Guardian.
Architectural Review.
Army List.
*Arms and Explosives.
Art Journal.
*Board of Trade Labour Gazette.
Bookman.
Bradshaw.
Cassell's Magazine.
Century Magazine.
Chambers's Journal.
*Church Gazette.
Commonwealth.
Connoisseur.
Contemporary Review.
Cornhill Magazine.
*Conservative and Unionist.
*Covenant People.
Decorator.
*Deliverer.
English Illustrated Magazine.
Fortnightly Review.
*Free Church Chronicle.
Fry's Magazine.
Geographical Journal.
Girl's Own Paper.
*Glad Tidings.
Harper's Magazine.
*Herald of Health.
*Herald of Peace.
*Herald of the Cross.
*Herald of the Golden Age.
*Home.
*Insurance Agent and Insurance Review.
International Review.
*Journal of the Board of Agriculture.
*Journal of Clerks of Works Association.
Knowledge.
Ladies' Home Journal.

MONTHLY.—Continued.

*Liberal Magazine.
*Liberal Monthly.
*Liberator.
London Magazine.
*Moravian Missions.
*Musical Herald.
Musical Times.
*Nation in Arms.
*National Church.
National Home Reading Union Magazine.
National Review.
*Naval Warrant Officers' Journal.
*New Church Magazine.
Nineteenth Century.
*Notes from Ireland.
*Oddfellows' Magazine.
Pall Mall Magazine.
Pearson's Magazine.
*Photographic Monthly.
*Positivist Review.
Practical Teacher.
Quiver.
*Railway Clerk.
*Rechabite Magazine.
Reporters' Journal.
*Representation.
*Returns of the Deaths of Seamen.
Review of Reviews.
Royal.
St. Nicholas Magazine.
Scribner's Magazine.
Socialist Review.
*State Correspondent.
Strand.
Studio.
*Success Ladder.
*Theosophist
*Typographical Circular.
*University Correspondent.
*Vulcan.
*Warrant Officers' and Naval Journal.
Windsor Magazine.
World's Work.
*Zoophilist.

QUARTERLY.

*Bird Notes and News.
Edinburgh Review.
English Historical Review.
Hibbert Journal.
*Men's Magazine.
*Progress.
Quarterly Review.

OCCASIONAL.

*Colonial Journals, etc.
*Railway Timetables, Guides, etc.
Directories, Calendars, etc.

NOTES.

Population of the City, 1901...	77,914
Estimated Population of the City in 1909	87,004
Library Rate, one penny in the pound.	
Library Acts Adopted 15th October, 1891.	
News Room Opened 1st August, 1892.	
Library Opened by H.R.H. The Duke of York, 5th October, 1893.	
Library Stock (Lending) at Opening (in Vols.)	10,417
,, ,, ,, at present time	20,637
Reference Stock	9,386
Reserve Stock	754
Blue Books	786
Pamphlets (Unbound)	313
Total Volumes issued from commencement	2,661,493
Present Number of Individual Borrowers (including 302 Juveniles)	5,574
,, ,, Second or Students' Tickets in use ...	702

York Institute (now the Public Library) acquired by York Corporation, 1st September, 1891.

York Institute. Foundation Stone laid by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, 18th July, 1883. Opened by the Marquis of Lorne, June 10th, 1885.

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CITY OF YORK.

EIGHTEENTH GENERAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Public Library Committee have satisfaction in approving the following Report of the City Librarian on the working of the Library for the year ending the 31st May, 1911 : —

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Eighteenth Annual Report. One year's returns are necessarily so similar to those of the previous year that it will be sufficient for me to give a summary of the principal Tables in the Appendix to shew the ordinary work of the Library ; but these figures by no means convey a full account or give a correct impression of the amount of work done in it, which may be greatly increased or decreased without materially affecting such results as can be tabulated.

The Total Stock of Books is now 33,421, a gain of 1,545. This, however, is exclusive of Maps, Pictures, Broadsides, and similar items, of which a collection is now being formed, and a considerable number already obtained as the nucleus of what it is believed will be a valuable feature in future years.

The Lending Library Stock now consists of 20,863 volumes, as compared with 20,637 last year. The Replacements of worn out copies made during the year numbered 473, and the Additions 740. As 352 (chiefly Magazines) were transferred and 150 worn out copies written off, whilst a reduction of 12 volumes occurred in replacing and rebinding where two volumes are now complete in one, the net increase is 226. That these changes have not greatly altered the proportional character of

the Stock is seen by a comparison of the Classes as they were at the beginning of the Library year and at its close.

		Lending Library Stock. 1910.	1911.
A.	Religion and Philosophy	5·732	5·886
B.	Biography, History	16·059	16·292
C.	Geography, Travel, etc.	5·461	5·666
D.	Arts, Sciences, Technology, etc. ...	14·735	15·305
F.	Fiction	32·686	32·828
G.	Poetry and the Drama	2·563	2·612
H.	Essays and Miscellaneous Literature ...	10·263	8·656*
J.	Juvenile Literature of all Classes ...	12·501	12·755

* Chiefly due to Transfer of Magazines.

The Reference Library Stock of Books is now 10,453, as against 9,386, but this is exclusive of 426 unbound Pamphlets, 908 Blue Books, a Reserve Stock of 771 volumes, and a large number of unbound Magazines and other items.

The total Registered Issue of Volumes during the year was 170,275. In the Lending Library the number was 156,217, a decrease of 2,616, but in the Reference Library the increase is 2,547. This is the registered issue only. A large number of persons use this department, however, without any record of such use being kept, and the figures given, if taken alone, do not fairly represent the work of the year. Amongst the reasons which may account for the fall in the daily average issue of Lending Library Books from 598 to 584, probably the fact that better trade has made people busier, and therefore slower in their reading, is the most satisfactory. The nature of that reading may be gathered from the following percentages of the volumes issued for home reading :—

A.	Religion and Philosophy	1·351
B.	Biography, History	3·308
C.	Geography, Travel, etc.	3·039
D.	Arts, Sciences, Technology, etc.	7·753
F.	Fiction	60·372
G.	Poetry and the Drama	0·746
H.	Essays and Miscellaneous Literature	4·458
J.	Juvenile Literature of all Classes	18·739
	Literature for the Blind, of all Classes	0·234

If the Reference Issues were included the percentage of Fiction, of which scarcely any issues are ever required in the Reference Library, would be considerably reduced, but as the figures stand the proportions cannot be considered unsatisfactory, inasmuch as the reading of a work of Fiction is accomplished in very much less time than is generally required for the more serious books. That there is a real improvement in the taste and judgment of borrowers is an opinion I hold with confidence, though it cannot be easily demonstrated by figures; but the better knowledge of Authors and their Works manifested by enquirers, and the demand for books of literary value, whether standard works or those of more recent date, testifies at once to a growing improvement in the people's preference, and to the suitability of the Library collection for assisting in the continuance of that improvement, of which it has very probably been the chief cause. In saying this I do not suggest that those who prefer mental excitement to literary excellence, and read simply for recreation rather than for knowledge or inspiration, are not still numerous. For these we have also to provide. Different stages of literary taste and intellectual culture require different treatment, and the adult with the child's mind must first be supplied with the books suited to his condition, if he is to be given the chance of obtaining that gradual improvement to which I have referred. To meet this condition sufficiently, but not more than sufficiently, is one of the problems that beset the book selector, for a book which may be too advanced for one person may be too elementary for a second, whilst to a third it may usefully meet the need; and though this relates more especially to non-fiction, it applies to fiction also.

The number of Borrowers' Tickets actually in force on the 31st May was 6,156, of which 622 were Students' and 300 Juveniles'. I regret that the last-named remains almost a stationary number, being two short of last year's total, as I

more than ever believe it to be desirable to associate children with the Public Library before they leave school. It is to be noted, however, that the issue of Juvenile books had an increase of over 700 volumes, the number being 29,271, so good use was made of this department.

The Annual Stocktaking has revealed a loss of two volumes only, and these may perhaps yet be recovered as the result of further search.

The heavy work of reclassifying and cataloguing together the Books of both Reference and Lending Libraries is being continued, and during the year two further Class Lists have been published, one dealing with Philology, the other being on Sociology. The Lists published previously were on Natural Science, Useful Arts, and Fine Arts. Copy is now being prepared for a Class List giving the contents of the York and Yorkshire Collection. It is proving to be, even more than expected, a very laborious work, the large number of small items having to be dealt with, and the search for articles or other reference matters in collected works, requiring much time and effort.

Other special work of various kinds, not usually attempted in any but the largest Libraries, is now being taken up, whilst all the additional efforts made in recent years to make the Library a living force in the City, and its methods useful and convenient to the Citizens, have been continued.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR H. FURNISH,

York, *June*, 1911. *City Librarian.*

Your Committee have from time to time reported and acknowledged with thanks the receipt of various Gifts of Books, Pamphlets, Periodicals, Photographs, etc. They are grateful to all Donors for their help, and would specially record their appreciation of the gifts of Mr. J. G. Butcher, K.C., M.P., in memory of his brother, of the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Councillor J. B. Morrell, for many valuable and interesting works of Local History, Topography, and Sociology, and of the Executors of the late Mr. J. Dickons, who bequeathed important Works dealing with Yorkshire Wills, etc. Your Committee are still hopeful that other members of the community having Books, Pamphlets, or Prints, particularly of local interest, will follow the example thus offered. Another friend of the Library makes gifts conditional upon being placed in the Reference Library, that he himself may be able to refer to them whenever he may desire. Perhaps if the possibility of this course was generally known, it might induce others to make similar contributions.

Acknowledgment is again due, and is hereby tendered by your Committee, to the Editors of the local Newspapers for the publication of Reading Lists, Book Additions, and other information concerning the work of the Library. This help is much valued by the public as well as by your Committee.

Your Committee have to report that during the year the Loan Debt has been reduced to £2,826 16s. 11d., being Loans owing £2,850, less amount provided in Sinking Fund, £23 3s. 1d. On Revenue Account the Penny Rate realized £1,640, and Rent of Class Rooms, Sale of Catalogues, Fines, and Miscellaneous Receipts made the total Income £1,804 17s. 4d. The Expenditure, including the purchase of Books, amounted to £1,887 4s. 10d., leaving a deficit balance on the year of £82 7s. 6d., which has been transferred from the Book Purchasing Fund Account. A full financial statement appears in the printed Abstract of the Accounts of the York Corporation.

E. W. PURNELL,

Chairman.

11*th July*, 1911.

APPENDIX.

LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

Volumes in the Lending Library 31st May, 1910		20,637
Added since —		
By Purchase	708	
,, Gift	29	
,, Replacing changes	3	
		740
		21,377
Deductions in Rebinding and Replacing	12	
Withdrawn	150	
Transfer	352	
		514
Total Volumes in Lending Library, 31st May, 1911		20,863

ANALYSIS OF LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	Stock, 31st May, 1910.		Stock, 31st May, 1911.	
	Works.	Volumes.	Works.	Volumes.
A. Religion and Philosophy ...	1108	1183	1152	1228
B. Biography, History	2692	3314	2767	3399
C. Travel	1053	1127	1108	1182
D. Arts, Science, &c.	2932	3041	3080	3193
F. Fiction	6485	6745	6608	6849
G. Poetry and the Drama ...	438	529	454	545
H. Essays and General Literature	1906	2118	1593	1806
J. Juvenile Literature of all Classes	2580	2580	2661	2661
	19194	20637	19423	20863

REFERENCE LIBRARY—STOCK ACCOUNT.

Volumes in Stock, year ending 31st May, 1910		9,386
Added since :—		
By Purchase	315	
,, Gift	400	
,, Transfer	355	
	———	1,070
		10,456
Deduct :—		
By Binding	2	
,, Withdrawn	1	
	—	3
		10,453
Volumes in the Reserve Stock	771	
Pamphlets	426	
Government Blue Books	908	

ANALYSIS OF REFERENCE LIBRARY STOCK.

Class.	Stock, 1910.	Stock, 1911.
0 General Works...	1647	2052
1 Philosophy	122	128
2 Religion	547	576
3 Sociology	846	928
4 Philology	171	176
5 Natural Science	685	704
6 Useful Arts	455	491
7 Fine Arts	602	675
8 Literature	1266	1486
9 History, Biography, Travel	3045	3237
	9386	10453

NUMBER OF ISSUES—LENDING LIBRARY

MONTH.	A Theology, Philosophy.	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Sciences.	F Fiction.	G Poetry and the Drama.	H Essays and General Literature.	J Juvenile Literature.	Braille.	Total.	* Daily Average for Days Open.
1910—11											
June ...	94	268	244	619	5249	79	408	1513	45	8519	516
July ...	140	396	360	955	7447	87	562	2380	33	12360	537
August ...	159	388	351	1036	7775	75	546	2313	35	12678	528
September	173	386	363	1103	8303	85	545	2329	15	13302	566
October ...	183	456	504	1135	9041	117	675	2532	48	14691	612
November	189	511	447	1064	8704	107	621	2582	34	14259	594
December	205	461	462	1027	8681	101	659	2678	21	14295	635
January ...	226	491	469	1229	8956	116	733	3026	20	15266	636
February	190	481	453	1122	8309	103	645	2700	12	14015	637
March ...	243	483	479	1238	8676	132	672	2959	33	14915	608
April ...	207	437	384	939	7885	103	567	2732	46	13300	633
May ...	108	282	207	629	5187	58	324	1527	21	8343	451
	2117	5040	4723	12096	94213	1163	6957	29271	363	155943	582

Days open .. 267½. * Fractions not shewn.

The above table shews the number of separate applications for Books. The next table shews the number of Volumes so borrowed. In the Daily Average Columns fractions are not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—LENDING LIBRARY.

MONTH.	A Theology, Philosophy.	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Sciences.	F Fiction.	G Poetry & the Drama.	H Essays and General Literature.	J Juvenile Literature.	Braille.	Total.	* Daily Average for Days Open.
1910—11.											
June ...	94	276	246	619	5249	79	408	1513	45	8529	516
July ...	140	403	360	955	7458	87	562	2380	33	12378	538
August ...	160	395	351	1036	7781	75	546	2313	35	12692	529
September	173	389	364	1107	8308	85	5 6	2329	15	13316	566
October ...	183	469	505	1140	9052	117	676	2532	48	14722	613
November	189	534	449	1067	8709	107	623	2582	34	14294	596
December	205	487	464	1027	8686	101	659	2678	21	14328	636
January ...	227	514	472	1229	8968	116	733	3026	20	15305	638
February...	191	489	462	1124	8317	103	645	2700	12	14043	638
March ...	244	490	484	1240	8693	132	672	2959	33	14947	610
April ...	207	438	384	939	7895	103	568	2732	46	13312	634
May ...	108	284	207	629	5193	58	324	1527	21	8351	452
	2121	5168	4748	12112	94309	1163	6962	29271	363	156217	584

Days open ... 267½ *Fractions not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

MONTH.	0 General Works.	1 Philosophy.	2 Religion.	3 Sociology.	4 Philology.	5 Natural Science.	6 Useful Arts.	7 Fine Arts.	8 Literature.	9 History, Biography, Travel.	Total.
1910—11.											
June ...	455	2	57	56	3	122	39	96	75	309	1214
July ...	502	3	38	36	25	139	100	150	49	474	1516
August ...	427	5	37	36	12	88	143	139	39	360	1286
September	378	1	60	35	6	48	148	87	48	339	1150
October ...	555	17	20	78	6	35	104	102	86	251	1254
November	639	5	21	67	12	66	67	118	45	244	1284
December	498	1	15	27	13	32	78	64	26	195	949
January ...	589	6	40	60	34	34	99	123	36	254	1275
February...	499	1	15	44	8	27	76	124	46	133	973
March ...	507	...	12	67	18	42	80	53	60	204	1043
April ...	482	1	76	51	30	36	51	92	30	286	1135
May ...	467	6	19	63	17	81	76	37	35	178	979
	5998	48	410	620	184	750	1061	1185	575	3227	14058

MAGAZINE ROOM ATTENDANCES.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
1910—1911.			
June	26	11,138	428
July	26	9,351	359
August	26	9,626	369
September	26	8,917	343
October	26	9,855	379
November	26	11,962	450
December	25	12,667	507
January	26	14,836	570
February	24	12,614	527
March	27	14,858	550
April	23	12,562	546
May	27	14,774	547
	308	143,160	465

NEWS ROOM ATTENDANCES.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
1910—1911.			
June	26	35,804	1,377
July	26	35,148	1,352
August	27	36,919	1,367
September	26	35,552	1,367
October	26	32,036	1,232
November	26	31,416	1,208
December	26	32,337	1,243
January	26	33,331	1,282
February	24	31,098	1,296
March	27	33,437	1,238
April	24	29,179	1,216
May	27	32,816	1,215
	311	399,073	1,283

TABLE SHEWING NUMBER OF BORROWERS ON MAY 31, 1911.

ELECTORS :—Males	1039	
Females...	154	1193
NON-ELECTORS :—Males	1874	
Females	2167	4041
STUDENTS' TICKETS		622
JUVENILE TICKETS		300
		6156

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Daily News.
Daily Sketch.
Daily Telegraph.
Eastern Morning News.
Financial News.
Freeman's Journal.
Glasgow Herald.
Irish Times.
Leeds Mercury.
Liverpool Mercury.
Manchester Guardian'
Morning Leader.
Morning Post.
Newcastle Chronicle.
North Mail.
Northern Echo.
*Nottingham Daily Express.
Pall Mall Gazette.
Scotsman.
Sheffield Daily Independent.
Sheffield Daily Telegraph.
Standard.
Times.
Westminster Gazette.
Yorkshire Daily Observer.
Yorkshire Evening News.
Yorkshire Evening Post.
Yorkshire Evening Press.
Yorkshire Herald.
Yorkshire Post.

WEEKLY.

Academy.
Amateur Gardening.
Amateur Photographer.
American Machinist.
Architects' and Builders' Journal.
*Aspirant.
Athenæum.
*Auto-Motor Journal.
*Banner of Israel.
Black and White.
*Blackpool Herald.
*Board of Trade Journal.
*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory.
Boys' Own Paper.
British Journal of Photography.
*British Weekly.
Broad Arrow.
Builder.
Bystander.
Cabinet Maker.
*Canada.
*Canadian Century.
Canary and Cage Bird Life.
*Catholic Fireside.
Christian Commonwealth.
*Christian World.
*Civil Service Candidate.
*Civil Service Competitor.
Clarion.
*Clark's Weekly.
*Common Cause.
*Co-operative News.
Country Life.
*Cumberland Pacquet.
Cycling.
Economist.
Electrical Review.
Engineer.
English Mechanic.
Era.
Exchange and Mart (3 times per week).
Feathered World.
Field.
*Flight.
Gentlewoman.
Graphic.
*Guardian.

WEEKLY—Continued.

Horticultural Journal.
Hospital.
Illustrated London News.
*Illustrated Official Journal (Patents).
Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News.
*India.
*Investors' Guardian.
*Irish Catholic.
Labour Leader.
Lady.
Lady's Pictorial.
Live Stock Journal.
Lloyd's Shipping Gazette.
*Local Government Chronicle.
*Local Government Journal.
*London County Council Gazette.
*Midland Counties Herald.
Money Market Review.
*Motor Traction.
Municipal Journal.
Nation.
Nature.
Notes and Queries.
Nursing Mirror.
*People.
Phonetic Journal.
*Pocklington News.
*Practical Engineer.
Public Opinion.
Punch.
Queen.
Railway Gazette.
Railway News.
Railway Review.
*Sanitary Record
Saturday Review.
Scarboro' Gazette
School Guardian.
Schoolmaster.
Schoolmistress.
*Shop Assistant.
Sketch.
Spectator.
Sphere.
*Standard of Empire.
Statist.
T.P.'s Weekly.
*Tablet.
Tatler.
Teacher's Aid.
*Thirsk and District News.
*Trade Marks Journal.
Truth.
*Two Worlds.
*University Correspondent.
*Whitby Gazette.
*Whitby Times.
Work.
World.
*Yorkshire Chronicle and Delittle's Advertiser.
Yorkshire Gazette.
Yorkshire Herald.
*Yorkshire News.
Yorkshire Weekly Post.

MONTHLY.

*Acetylene.
*Agricultural Economist.
*Animals' Friend.
*Animals' Guardian.
Architectural Review.
Army List.
*Arms and Explosives.
Art Journal.
*Board of Trade Labour Gazette.
Bookman.
Bradshaw.
*British Columbia.
British Printer.
Cassell's Magazine.
Century Magazine.
Chambers's Journal.
*Church Gazette.
Commonwealth.
Connoisseur.
*Conservative and Unionist.
Contemporary Review.
Cornhill Magazine.
Country Side.
*Covenant People.
*Decorator.
*Deliverer.
English Illustrated Magazine.
Fortnightly Review.
*Free Church Chronicle.
Fry's Magazine.

MONTHLY—Continued.

Geographical Journal.
Girls' Own Paper.
*Glad Tidings.
Harper's Magazine.
*Herald of Health.
*Herald of Peace.
*Herald of the Cross.
*Home.
*Insurance Agent and Insurance Review.
*Journal of the Board of Agriculture.
*Journal of the Clerk of Works Association.
Knowledge.
Ladies' Home Journal.
*Liberal Magazine.
*Liberal Monthly.
*Liberator.
London Magazine.
*Moravian Missions.
*Musical Herald.
Musical Times.
*Nation in Arms.
*National Church.
National Review.
*New Church Magazine.
Nineteenth Century.
*Notes from Ireland.
*Oddfellows' Magazine.
Pall Mall Magazine.
Pearson's Magazine.
*Positivist Review.
Practical Teacher.
Quiver.
*Railway Clerk.
*Rechabite Magazine.
Reporter's Journal.
*Return of the Deaths of Seamen.
Review of Reviews.
Royal.
St. Nicholas Magazine.
Scribner's Magazine.
Socialist Review.
*State Correspondent.
Strand.
Studio.
*Success Ladder.
*Theosophist.
*Traveller's Gazette.
*Typographical Circular.
*Vulcan.
*Warrant Officers' and Naval Journal.
Windsor Magazine.
Woodworker.
World's Work.
*Zoophilist.

QUARTERLY.

Anti-Slavery Reporter.
*Bird Notes and News.
Edinburgh Review.
English Historical Review.
Herald of the Golden Age.
*Hibbert Journal.
*Men's Magazine.
National Home Reading Union Magazines.
*Patents.
*Progress.
Quarterly Review.

OCCASIONAL.

*Colonial Journals, etc.
Directories, Calendars, etc.
*Railway Time Tables, Guides, etc.

NOTES.

Population of the City, 1911	82,297
Library Rate, one penny in the pound.	
Library Acts Adopted 15th October, 1891.	
News Room opened 1st August, 1892.	
Library Opened by H.R.H. the Duke of York, 5th October, 1893.	
Library Stock (Lending) at Opening (in Vols.)... ...	10,417
,, ,, ,, at present time	20,863
Reference Stock...	10,453
Reserve Stock	771
Blue Books	908
Pamphlets (Unbound)	426
Total Volumes issued from Commencement	2,831,768
Present number of Individual Borrowers (including 300 Juveniles)	5,534
Present Number of Second or Students' Tickets in use	622

York Institute (now the Public Library) acquired by York Corporation, 1st September, 1891.

York Institute Foundation Stone laid by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, 18th July, 1883. Opened by the Marquis of Lorne, June 10th, 1885.

CITY OF YORK.

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CITY OF YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY.

COMMITTEE FOR 1911—1912.

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THE LORD MAYOR OF YORK, ALDERMAN NORMAN GREEN.

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Town Clerk:—H. CRAVEN.

City Librarian:—ARTHUR H. FURNISH.

Deputy Librarian:—F. BEWLAY.
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CITY OF YORK.

NINETEENTH GENERAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Public Library Committee have satisfaction in approving the following Report of the City Librarian on the working of the Library for the year ending the 31st May, 1912.

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present my Nineteenth Annual Report, giving the usual Statistical Tables and other information.

In the Reference Library the Stock prepared and available for public use now numbers 10,861 volumes as compared with 10,453 of twelve months ago, but there are in addition 517 unbound Pamphlets, 1,028 Blue Books, a Reserve Stock of 842 volumes, and a large number of miscellaneous items.

The Lending Library contains 21,316 volumes, as compared with 20,863 last year. The additions numbered 689, but as 236 (chiefly worn-out or obsolete books) were finally withdrawn, the net increase was 453. There were, however, 539 withdrawals of worn-out books which were replaced by a like number, so that the necessity of weeding-out the Stock and keeping it in a satisfactory condition is not overlooked. These changes have not materially altered the proportions of the various classes comprising the Lending Library, the chief difference being that Fiction has dropped from 32·8 to 32·3.

The Total Stock of the Library may therefore be stated as consisting of 34,564 items, beside the Miscellaneous Collection already mentioned, being a net gain for the year of 1,143.

The Registered Issues for the year numbered 164,112. This is a decrease on the figures for the previous twelve months of about 6,000. Enquiry shows this experience is similar to that of other Libraries, and it is no doubt due to the same causes, which are considered to be the very fine weather of last year and the excitement and unrest in the labour world, which have caused people to read the newspapers more, and produced a state of mind not conducive to contemplative reading. These things will right themselves in due course. Indeed it is often found that after a period of indifference, people will return to the Library with a greater avidity for books than they had shewn before. In the Lending Library the number issued was 151,057, and in the Reference Library it was 13,055 plus the very large use of books on open shelves of which no record is kept, but which visibly grows every year. I cannot help feeling that we are somewhat unfair to ourselves in quoting the numbers on Application Forms handed in by Readers as though they were an exact statement of the use to which the Library is put, because in many cases books are issued without being recorded, owing to the haste of the reader or neglect to make the necessary entries when busy. The first consideration is to supply the reader as quickly as possible with all the works that will help him in his search for information, and though the name and address are required, the further particulars are from various causes often not obtained. The apparent success of a Library is not always the most real, and only those actually engaged in the work can rightly appreciate the value of the use made of it or the work done in it. To regard the issue of a book which may be returned unread on the following day as the criterion by which the worth of a Library may be ascertained may lead to nothing but a fallacious conclusion. Statistical tables are necessary and useful, but it is as well to remember, for instance, that a book costing a guinea counts in the table no more than one costing a shilling, and that the visit of a Borrower, who in one minute obtains the book he wants, counts the same as that of the person who has been assisted for half an hour before his need has been met. Similarly the statistical value of an issue of a small book of fiction which has been easily read in one evening is equal to that of an historical or scientific work which may have fully occupied the borrower's reading time for fourteen days. It is therefore not surprising to find in Library circles a growing doubt as to the wisdom of regarding tabular statements as indicative of the real value of the work accomplished by a "live" Library. The chief aim of a Library is not a big turnover every year (though that may be a desirable help to other ends), but a

big profit to those who use it, and I am therefore glad to note a continued improvement in literary taste and judgment on the part of many readers. Of course there are a large number whose culture has not proceeded far, and whose requirements are met by the most elementary works in solid Literature, or by the merely exciting in Fiction. It is therefore our duty so to arrange the supply that all, whether elementary or advanced readers, may find suitable books that will help them. Criticism of the Stock provided or of the results obtained is mostly based on the likes and dislikes of the critic, but the management has to take a wider view and see that every degree of requirement between that of the infantile mind and that of the well-read student is met.

A study of the list of books issued on the first two days after Stocktaking has proved very interesting to me, as shewing the varied wants and tastes of our borrowers. There can be no doubt that the Library exercises a great, though silent, influence on the thoughts and habits of its readers. I claim that it is not only developing their intellectual power and increasing their mental equipment, but it is, in a practical way, helping the artisan who uses the technical books concerned with his trade, the student who is working for his examination, and the tired worker who seeks recreation in literature. It is not only elevating the tone of family life and creating a more healthy and artistic home, but is assisting to produce a more satisfactory recognition of the duties and obligations of Citizenship and the right use of its privileges.

During the year an important addition has been made to our printed Catalogues in the publication of a "List of Books in the Local Collection relating to the City and County of York." This, it is believed, will greatly assist in making known the contents of the local portion of the Reference Library, and those who have already used it readily acknowledge its helpful character. Many have expressed surprise on finding the Collection much more valuable than they had supposed.

All the additional work taken up in recent years and indicated in recent Reports has been continued, and every effort has been made to render the Library serviceable to every visitor. The Institution has now reached a stage where the regular round of duty occupies all the time of the Staff, and all the income received, to maintain its usefulness unimpaired. It is no longer a novelty or a luxury, but is looked upon by many of the public as a necessary requirement of their daily life, as essential in its way

as the Post Office or the School. It is therefore entitled to all the help the community can give. As the rate is still limited by law the work it can do is also limited, but it is gratifying to know that what is done is greatly appreciated by many to whom it is, as was said to me by a reader on the day of the re-opening after Stocktaking, " a most valuable help," the visitor adding " What I should do without it I really don't know."

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
ARTHUR H. FURNISH,
City Librarian.

York, *June, 1912.*

Your Committee have pleasure in reporting that a number of Gifts have been received during the year from various donors. These have been gratefully acknowledged, and a reference to the Appendix to this Report will shew the names of those who have kindly given their aid in this way.

Your Committee are hopeful that, following upon the issue of the Local Collection Catalogue, there will be a generous response to the appeal made in the Preface to that Catalogue by all those who may have Books, Pamphlets, or Prints relating to or illustrating the history of the City. It should be remembered that a Book given to the Reference Library is at all times available for use in the Building by its former owner, as well as by those to whom it may be valuable and who could not see it elsewhere.

The Editors of the local Newspapers have again rendered valuable help in publishing Reading Lists, Book Additions and other information concerning the Library which has been useful to the public, and their kindness is greatly appreciated by your Committee, who tender their best thanks.

Your Committee have to report that during the year the Loan Debt has been reduced to £2,734 5s. 6d., being Loans owing £2,750, less amount in Sinking Fund £15 14s. 6d. On Revenue Account the Penny Rate realised £1,640, and Rent of Class Rooms, Sales of Catalogues, Fines and Miscellaneous Receipts made the total Income £1,803 6s. 5d. The Expenditure, including the purchase of Books, amounted to £1,817 15s. 6d., leaving a deficit balance on the year of £14 9s. 1d., which has been transferred from the Book Purchasing Fund Account. A full financial statement appears in the printed Abstract of the Accounts of the York Corporation.

E. W. PURNELL,
Chairman.

16th July, 1912.

APPENDIX.

LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

Volumes in the Lending Library, 31st May, 1911		20,863
Added since :—		
By Purchase	661	
By Gift	28	
	——	689
		21,552
Deduct :—		
By Withdrawal	230	
By Transfer	1	
By Replacing	5	
	——	236
Total Volumes in Stock, 31st May, 1912		21,316

ANALYSIS OF LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	Stock, 31st May 1911.		Stock, 31st May, 1912.	
	Works.	Volumes.	Works.	Volumes.
A Religion and Philosophy	1152	1228	1194	1271
B Biography, History	2767	3399	2818	3452
C Travel	1108	1182	1131	1205
D Arts, Science, &c....	3080	3193	3232	3345
F Fiction	6608	6849	6684	6892
G Poetry and the Drama	454	545	472	563
H Essays and General Literature ...	1593	1806	1649	1862
J Juvenile Literature of all Classes	2661	2661	2726	2726
	19,423	20,863	19,906	21,316

REFERENCE LIBRARY—STOCK ACCOUNT.

Volumes in Stock, year ending 31st May, 1911		10,453
Added since:—		
By Purchase	196	
„ Gift	246	
„ Transfer	4	
	——	446
		10,899
Deduct:—		
By Transfer	2	
„ Withdrawal	36	
	—	38
		10,861
Volumes in Reserve Stock		842
Pamphlets		517
Government Blue Books		1,028

ANALYSIS OF REFERENCE LIBRARY STOCK.

Class.	Stock, 1911.	Stock, 1912.
0 General Works	2052	2133
1 Philosophy	128	128
2 Religion	576	619
3 Sociology	928	986
4 Philology	176	176
5 Natural Science	704	726
6 Useful Arts	491	504
7 Fine Arts	675	722
8 Literature	1486	1505
9 History, Biography, Travel	3237	3362
	10,453	10,861

NUMBER OF ISSUES—LENDING LIBRARY.

MONTH.	A Theology, Philosophy	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Sciences.	F Fiction.	G Poetry & the Drama.	H Essays and General Literature.	J Juvenile Literature	Braille.	Total.	* Daily Average for Days Open.
1911—12.											
June... ...	114	274	223	610	5387	66	379	1463	8	8524	501
July... ...	140	338	281	705	6897	53	447	1941	41	10843	452
August ...	164	256	240	661	7185	81	447	2066	36	11136	474
September ...	219	363	345	888	8190	122	550	2432	29	13138	547
October ...	174	467	421	1023	8344	163	580	2399	10	13581	566
November ...	197	413	363	1113	8622	118	585	2322	45	13779	586
December ...	169	365	401	1060	8461	104	570	2547	31	13708	623
January ...	192	378	366	1144	9445	132	608	3134	29	15428	617
February ...	187	375	422	1127	8556	134	582	2692	9	14084	626
March ...	285	476	404	1234	9608	145	621	2883	21	15677	653
April ...	208	341	272	932	7934	104	503	2719	15	13028	592
May... ...	117	243	202	482	4907	68	347	1536	13	7915	480
	2166	4289	3940	10979	93536	1290	6220	28134	287	150841	563

Days open ... 268. *Fractions not shewn.

The above Table shews the number of separate applications for Books. The next Table shews the number of Volumes so borrowed. In the Daily Average Columns fractions are not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—LENDING LIBRARY.

MONTH.	A Theology, Philosophy	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Sciences.	F Fiction.	G Poetry & the Drama.	H Essays and General Literature.	J Juvenile Literature.	Braille.	Total.	* Daily Average for Days Open
1911—12.											
June... ...	115	278	224	610	5387	66	379	1463	8	8530	502
July... ...	140	345	282	707	6902	54	448	1941	41	10860	453
August ...	164	267	240	664	7188	82	447	2066	36	11154	475
September ...	219	373	346	890	8209	122	551	2432	29	13171	549
October ...	174	476	422	1024	8358	164	580	2399	10	13607	567
November ...	197	418	363	1113	8646	118	587	2322	45	13809	588
December ...	171	365	401	1060	8472	106	571	2547	31	13724	624
January ...	192	379	366	1144	9463	132	608	3134	29	15447	618
February ...	187	376	422	1127	8578	134	582	2692	9	14107	627
March ...	285	479	404	1234	9618	145	621	2883	21	15690	654
April ...	208	342	274	932	7939	104	503	2719	15	13036	593
May... ...	118	249	202	482	4907	68	347	1536	13	7922	480
	2170	4347	3946	10987	93667	1295	6224	28134	287	151057	564

Days open ... 268. *Fractions not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Month.	0 General Works.	1 Philosophy.	2 Religion.	3 Sociology.	4 Philology.	5 Natural Science.	6 Useful Arts.	7 Fine Arts.	8 Literature.	9 History, Biography, Travel.	Total.
1911-12.											
June... ...	419	6	11	21	28	52	67	127	36	157	924
July... ...	364	0	22	26	5	9	44	82	14	235	801
August ...	358	3	52	39	24	11	42	51	27	249	856
September ...	414	22	39	52	21	34	33	61	28	412	1116
October ...	472	3	17	73	16	31	64	81	58	392	1207
November ...	599	9	27	59	16	39	53	103	35	386	1326
December ...	538	6	22	29	24	35	53	77	90	229	1103
January ...	438	8	28	86	6	53	63	93	67	190	1032
February ...	475	7	29	62	28	39	143	92	65	191	1131
March ...	651	7	48	77	7	24	63	78	90	273	1318
April ...	655	2	11	37	24	41	39	59	61	243	1172
May... ...	665	2	22	29	11	38	26	34	52	190	1069
	6048	75	328	590	210	406	690	938	623	3147	13,055

MAGAZINE ROOM ATTENDANCES.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average
1911-12.			
June...	24	14036	585
July...	26	14222	547
August	26	14252	548
September	26	14801	569
October	26	14836	570
November	26	14937	575
December	23	13169	573
January	27	15023	557
February	25	14471	579
March	25	13666	546
April	24	12993	541
May...	26	13777	529
	304	170,183	560

NEWS ROOM ATTENDANCES.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
1911-12.			
June...	25	29857	1194
July...	26	31848	1225
August	27	31927	1182
September	26	32904	1265
October	26	32046	1232
November	26	32459	1248
December	25	30064	1202
January	27	32256	1194
February	25	30553	1222
March	26	31045	1194
April	25	29638	1185
May...	27	31252	1157
	311	375,849	1209

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF BORROWERS ON MAY 31st, 1912.

ELECTORS:—		
Males...	1150	
Females	146	
		1296
NON-ELECTORS:—		
Males...	1689	
Females	2144	
		3833
STUDENTS' TICKETS		642
JUVENILE TICKETS		334
		6105

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LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS SUPPLIED TO THE NEWSROOM.

Those marked * are presented.

DAILY.

*Birmingham Daily Post
Daily Chronicle
Daily Dispatch
Daily Express
Daily Mail
Daily Mirror
Daily News and Leader
Daily Sketch
Daily Telegraph
Eastern Morning News
Financial News
Freeman's Journal
Glasgow Herald
Irish Times
Leeds Mercury
Liverpool Mercury
Manchester Guardian
Morning Post
Newcastle Chronicle
North Mail
Northern Echo
*Nottingham Daily Express
Scotsman
Sheffield Daily Independent
Sheffield Daily Telegraph
Standard
Times
Yorkshire Daily Observer
Yorkshire Evening News
Yorkshire Evening Post
Yorkshire Evening Press
Yorkshire Herald
Yorkshire Post

WEEKLY.

Amateur Gardening
Amateur Photographer
Architects' and Builders' Journal
*Aspirant
Athenæum
*Auto-Motor Journal
*Banner of Israel
*Blackpool Herald
*Board of Trade Journal
*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory
Boys' Own Paper
British Journal of Photography
*British Weekly
Broad Arrow
Builder
Cabinet Maker
*Canada
*Canadian Mail
*Catholic Fireside
Christian Commonwealth
*Christian Science Sentinel
*Christian World
*Civil Service Candidate
*Civil Service Competitor
Clarion
*Clark's Weekly
*Common Cause
*Co-operative News
Country Life
*Cumberland Pacquet
Cycling
Economist
Electrical Review
Engineer
English Mechanic
Era
Exchange and Mart (3 times per week)
Feathered World
Field
*Flight
Gentlewoman
Graphic
*Guardian
Horticultural Journal
Hospital
Illustrated London News
*Illustrated Official Journal (Patents)

WEEKLY—(Continued).

Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News
*India
*Investors' Guardian
*Irish Catholic
Labour Leader
Lady
Lady's Pictorial
Live Stock Journal
Lloyd's Shipping Gazette
*Local Government Chronicle
*Local Government Journal
*London County Council Gazette
*Midland Counties Herald
*Motor Traction
Municipal Journal
Nation
Nature
Notes and Queries
Nursing Mirror
*People
Phonetic Journal
*Pocklington News
*Poultry
*Practical Engineer
Public Opinion
Punch
Queen
Railway Gazette
Railway News
Railway Review
*Sanitary Record
Saturday Review
Saturday Westminster Gazette
Scarbro' Gazette
Schoolmaster
Schoolmistress
*Shop Assistant
Sketch
Spectator
Sphere
*Standard of Empire
Statist
T.P.'s Weekly
*Tablet
Tatler
*Thirsk and District News
*Trade Marks Journal
Truth
*Two Worlds
*University Correspondent
*Whitby Gazette
*Whitby Times
Work
World
*Yorkshire Chronicle and Delittle's Advertiser
Yorkshire Gazette
Yorkshire Herald
*Yorkshire News
Yorkshire Weekly Post

MONTHLY.

*Acetylene
*Aeronautics
*Agricultural Economist
*Animal World
*Animals' Friend
*Animals' Guardian
Architectural Review
Army List
*Arms and Explosives
Art Journal
*Board of Trade Labour Gazette
Bookman
Bradshaw
*British Columbia
British Printer
Cassell's Magazine
Century Magazine
Chambers's Journal
*Christian Science Journal
*Church Gazette
Commonwealth
Connoisseur
*Conservative and Unionist
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
Country Side
*Covenant People
*Decorator
*Deliverer
*Depositor
English Illustrated Magazine
*Ferro-Concrete
Fortnightly Review
*Free Church Chronicle
Fry's Magazine
*Garden Cities and Town Planning

MONTHLY—(Continued).

Geographical Journal
Girls' Own Paper
*Glad Tidings
Harper's Magazine
*Herald of Health
*Herald of Peace
*Herald of the Cross
*Home
*Insurance Agent and Insurance Review
*Journal of the Board of Agriculture
*Journal of the Clerk of Works Association
Knowledge
Ladies' Home Journal
*Liberal Magazine
*Liberal Monthly
*Liberator
London Magazine
*Modern Astrology
*Moravian Missions
*Musical Herald
Musical Times
*Nation in Arms
*National Church
National Review
*New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
*Notes from Ireland
*Oddfellows' Magazine
Pall Mall Magazine
*Patents
Pearson's Magazine
*Positivist Review
Quiver
*Railway Clerk
*Rechabite Magazine
Reporters' Journal
*Return of Deaths of Seamen
Review of Reviews
Royal Magazine
St. Nicholas Magazine
*Secretary
Scribner's Magazine
Socialist Review
*State Correspondent
Strand
Studio
*Theosophist
*Tongues of Fire
*Travellers' Gazette
*Typographical Circular
*United Empire
*Vulcan
*Warrant Officers' & Naval Journal
Windsor Magazine
Woodworker
World's Work
*Zoophilist

QUARTERLY.

*Anti-Slavery Reporter
*Bird Notes and News
Edinburgh Review
English Historical Review
*Herald of the Golden Age
Hibbert Journal
*Men's Magazine
National Home Reading Union Magazines
Progress
Quarterly Review

OCCASIONAL.

*Colonial Journals, etc.
Directories, Calendars, etc.
*Railway Time Tables, Guides, etc.

NOTES.

Population of the City, 1911	82,297
Library Rate, one penny in the pound.	
Library Acts Adopted 15th October, 1891.	
News Room Opened 1st August, 1892.	
Library Opened by H.R.H. The Duke of York, 5th October, 1893.	
Library Stock (Lending) at Opening (in Vols.)	10,417
„ „ „ at present time	21,316
Reference Stock	10,861
Reserve Stock	842
Blue Books	1,028
Pamphlets (Unbound)	517
Total Volumes issued from Commencement	2,995,880
Present number of Individual Borrowers (including 334 Juveniles)	5,463
Present Number of Second or Students' Tickets in use ...	642

York Institute (now the Public Library) acquired by York Corporation, 1st September, 1891.

York Institute Foundation Stone laid by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, 18th July, 1883. Opened by the Marquis of Lorne, June 10th, 1885.

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CITY OF YORK.

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CITY OF YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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CITY OF YORK.

TWENTIETH GENERAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Public Library Committee have satisfaction in approving the following Report of the City Librarian on the working of the Library for the year ending the 31st May, 1913.

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my Twentieth Annual Report, giving the Statistical Tables which illustrate that portion of our work which can be tabulated, it is satisfactory to be able to state that the Institution still maintains its popularity as a public educational centre and a storehouse of intellectual profit and pleasure. In times so busy as the present, which have undoubtedly affected the attendances in our News and Magazine Rooms, it is not unusual to find a serious drop in the demand for reading, but the returns for the past twelve months—June, 1912, to May, 1913—shew, on the contrary, some little increase upon the figures for the previous year. The registered issue was 165,941 volumes, that for the previous period being 164,112, giving an increase of 1,829. In the Lending Library the number was 151,488, and in the Reference Library 14,453. But it should be remembered, as I have previously pointed out, that these figures do not fully represent the use of the books, inasmuch as many are consulted of which no count is attempted, whilst many of those of which a record is sought are from various causes issued without details being kept. Unless these facts are remembered, the tabulated figures are misleading as to the extent of the work of which they speak. Though it is interesting to have Returns—and the figures already given can be verified—it is recognised that the important point in the Reference Library is to make it of real service to the public in the quickest way possible, and every effort is made to

secure that end. So many people regard the very slight formality of filling up the application form in the Reference Room as irksome, that I sometimes wish it was possible to abolish it; but, admission being free to all without any ticket being required, it is difficult to imagine a less troublesome method of safeguarding our books, and it is a matter for regret that any who find the Library useful should be unwilling to assist us by complying with so trivial a requirement.

The number of Borrowers' Tickets in use at the close of May was 6,116, as against 6,105 of the same day of last year. Of these 5,175 were ordinary Tickets, 642 Students' Tickets, and 299 Juveniles' Tickets. There is a drop of 35 in the last-named, which I greatly regret, and I wish that some means could be devised by which every child on leaving school could be induced to use the Library. I am more than ever convinced that the best means of doing this would be to have the child entered as a borrower with a Juvenile's Ticket as soon as he reaches the age of twelve years, younger children continuing to use the books of the school as at present. If the Education Committee would undertake to reimburse any Head Teacher who might be called upon to pay a fine for loss or damage in respect of any pupil for whom he had become guarantor, I think the Head Masters and Mistresses would be more likely to interest themselves in securing this advantage for their scholars, and so establish the habit of attending the Library by the child whilst still at school. This has been done by some teachers who have voluntarily accepted the liability, and in such cases cause for complaint has been exceedingly rare, and the result has been a more or less permanent connection with the Library by the children after they have left school. I feel unable to advise the Library Committee to free children and their guarantors from the operation of the usual rule as to payment of fines, since that would remove the only protection against carelessness or improper use; but if the Head Master could be assisted by the Education Committee in this small way, and in the provision of Voucher Forms as required, then I suggest that the Signatures of Head Teachers should be accepted by the Library Committee whether they are on the Burgess List or not.

The Stock of both Libraries added together now numbers 36,371 items. The Lending Library now contains 22,192 volumes, last year's number being 21,316. The books added during the year number 915, and 294 worn-out volumes were replaced by fresh copies, 37 obsolete works being finally withdrawn. The Reference Library additions were 449, bringing the totals up to

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Public Library,
Clifford Street,
York.

11,284 volumes, Unbound Pamphlets 698, Blue Books 1,072, Reserve Stock 947, and Portraits, Photographs, Prints, &c., 178. A pleasing feature of the last-named collection is the increase in the number of portraits of people of note in the civic life of York. An effort has been made to obtain portraits of York authors, and the walls of one of the Reading Rooms are now made attractive by pictures representing local historians such as Davies, Drake, Thomas Gent, Hargrove, Charles Wellbeloved, and others. Some of these have been presented and it is hoped that others may be similarly acquired; but I cannot help a feeling of disappointment that more of our citizens do not manifest a desire to present engravings or books. Every year we are placed under further obligation to the same few benefactors, to whom we are grateful; but it is to be regretted that their example is not more frequently copied, as much interesting printed matter relating to local history is probably lying in private houses hidden and useless, an incumbrance only to be ruthlessly destroyed some day by those who will have no idea of its local importance. Added together, the Stock of both Libraries, apart from replacements, now numbers some eighteen hundred items more than was shewn in last year's Report. Notwithstanding periodical weeding-out of worn books not worth the expense of replacement, increase is bound to be continued, as in every really "live" Library, and it is again my duty to report that we shall shortly be compelled to provide additional shelf accommodation in order to meet the requirement and retain the classified order which is necessary for the speedy service of the public. The Stocktaking resulted satisfactorily, although several volumes of Fiction, old copies, have yet to be accounted for. In all probability the volumes will sooner or later be recovered, repeating our experience of previous years.

A new Catalogue of the books in the Fiction section of the Lending Library was published in February last. Of a size to fit an ordinary pocket, it has met with much favour, over 600 having been sold. Though this is the only fresh Catalogue published during the year, much Cataloguing work for use in the Library has been done, a large number of Book Lists have been prepared, and by the kindness of the Editors, which is much appreciated by myself and the borrowers, have appeared from time to time in the local newspapers. These have kept readers supplied with information of new additions, Class Lists on the subjects of local Lectures, topics of present-day interest, etc., and have been of considerable service.

Much labour of a kind never even imagined by the ordinary user of the Library is required from all the members of the staff in order to keep the work carried on up to date, and every effort has been made to maintain additional features which have been introduced during recent years in a satisfactory state. That the public are on the whole highly appreciative is evident, not merely from the absence of complaint, but by the direct statement which is at times volunteered, as in the case of a young man who recently told me he had found the Library to be invaluable, as he had obtained his University Degree very largely by the aid he had derived from the use of our books. With greater means we could do a greater work, but it must be satisfactory to the Committee to know that what is done is so useful.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR H. FURNISH,

YORK, June, 1913. *City Librarian.*

It is again the pleasant duty of your Committee to record the gifts of Books or other interesting items by various friends of the Library. These have been acknowledged and thanks conveyed to the donors, whose names appear in the Appendix to this Report.

The opportunity is again taken by your Committee to draw the attention of all citizens to the desirability of making the Local Collection relating to the City and neighbourhood as complete as possible, and gifts towards realizing this end will be especially welcome.

The thanks of your Committee are again sincerely offered to the Proprietors and Editors of local newspapers for the assistance afforded in the publication of information relating to the contents of the Library and its work.

It is hoped during the coming Autumn to establish a series of "Talks to Children" about Books and their writers, with the view of informing the children of the contents of the Library and its methods, and stimulating their interest in its use. In

this work your Committee hope to receive the cordial help of the teachers of all schools in the City and of other friends of education who are qualified and willing to render assistance.

Your Committee have to report that during the year the Loan Debt has been reduced to £2,638 18s. 7d., being Loans owing £2,640, less amount in Sinking Fund £1 1s. 5d. On Revenue Account the Penny Rate realised £1,660, and Rent of Class Rooms, Sales of Catalogues, Fines, and Miscellaneous Receipts made the total Income £1,829 10s. 3d. The Expenditure, including the purchase of Books, amounted to £1,898 4s. 6d., leaving a deficit balance on the year of £68 14s. 3d., which has been transferred from the Book Purchasing Fund Account. A full financial statement appears in the printed Abstract of the Accounts of the York Corporation.

E. W. PURNELL,

15th July, 1913. *Chairman.*

APPENDIX.

LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

Volumes in the Lending Library, 31st May, 1912		21,316
Added since :—		
By Purchase	886	
„ Gift	23	
„ Transfer	6	
		915
		22,231
Deduct :—		
By Withdrawal	37	
„ Binding	2	
		39
Total Volumes in Stock, 31st May, 1913		22,192

ANALYSIS OF LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	Stock, 31st May, 1912.		Stock, 31st May, 1913.	
	Works.	Volumes	Works.	Volumes.
A Religion and Philosophy	1194	1271	1239	1318
B Biography, History	2818	3452	2925	3568
C Travel	1131	1205	1198	1272
D Arts, Science, &c.	3232	3345	3427	3542
F Fiction	6684	6892	6922	7130
G Poetry and the Drama	472	563	492	583
H Essays and General Literature ...	1649	1862	1728	1941
J Juvenile Literature of all Classes	2726	2726	2838	2838
	19,906	21,316	20,769	22,192

REFERENCE LIBRARY—STOCK ACCOUNT.

Volumes in Stock, year ending 31st May, 1912		10,861
Added since :—		
By Purchase	287	
By Gift	162	
		449
		11,310
Deduct :—		
By Transfer	8	
By Binding	1	
By Withdrawal	17	
		26
		11,284
Volumes in Reserve Stock		947
Unbound Pamphlets		698
Government Blue Books		1,072
Miscellaneous Stock (Portraits, etc.)		178

ANALYSIS OF REFERENCE LIBRARY STOCK.

Class.	Stock, 1912.	Stock, 1913.
0 General Works	2133	2248
1 Philosophy	128	129
2 Religion	619	657
3 Sociology	986	1045
4 Philology	176	181
5 Natural Science	726	736
6 Useful Arts	504	522
7 Fine Arts	722	775
8 Literature	1505	1551
9 History, Biography, Travel	3362	3440
	10,861	11,284

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—LENDING LIBRARY.

MONTH.	A Theology, Philosophy	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Sciences.	F Fiction.	G Poetry & the Drama.	H Essays and General Literature.	J Juvenile Literature.	Braille.	TOTAL.	* Daily Average for Days Open.
1912—13.											
June ...	129	277	237	694	6044	93	338	1700	5	9517	514
July	144	286	254	692	6808	78	434	2121	22	10839	433
August ...	156	409	310	890	7987	99	479	2175	23	12528	534
September ...	143	430	300	860	8035	123	481	2147	22	12541	545
October ...	195	445	351	929	7790	131	513	2359	21	12734	520
November ...	209	507	322	1010	8818	130	596	2464	4	14060	585
December ...	155	458	297	932	7556	126	521	2396	20	12461	580
January ...	201	481	368	1058	8732	145	580	2725	31	14321	585
February ...	197	491	417	1114	8566	106	517	2375	32	13815	628
March ...	203	495	415	1173	9296	100	542	2632	21	14877	676
April ...	180	444	389	1002	8494	124	451	2611	11	13706	571
May ...	127	337	263	707	6506	76	319	1721	33	10089	504
	2039	5060	3923	11061	94632	1331	5771	27426	245	151488	556

Days open ... 272½. * Fractions not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

MONTH.	0 General Works.	1 Philosophy.	2 Religion.	3 Sociology.	4 Philology.	5 Natural Science.	6 Useful Arts.	7 Fine Arts.	8 Literature.	9 History, Biography, Travel.	Total.
1912—13.											
June	598	2	22	46	27	32	11	94	53	393	1278
July	691	3	28	81	25	11	32	71	20	224	1186
August ...	529	1	27	102	26	38	52	81	75	393	1324
September ...	765	6	22	98	9	29	39	86	67	296	1417
October ...	901	...	17	100	17	30	49	57	58	317	1546
November ...	791	5	43	96	9	11	72	64	78	200	1369
December ...	648	4	26	97	16	37	32	91	76	111	1138
Januhry ...	611	2	27	65	31	34	91	58	64	235	1218
February ...	529	3	21	71	20	30	54	68	33	159	988
March ...	566	...	20	37	14	37	33	94	30	140	971
April	559	10	26	43	21	33	62	53	34	297	1138
May	519	8	20	19	6	18	50	69	36	135	880
	7707	44	299	855	221	340	577	886	624	2900	14453

MAGAZINE ROOM ATTENDANCES.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
1912—13.			
June...	25	13159	526
July	27	13473	499
August	26	6977	259
September	25	6238	250
October	27	5627	208
November	26	6526	251
December	23	6273	273
January	27	7410	275
February	24	7615	317
March	24	7357	307
April	26	6877	264
May...	26	6935	228
	306	94,467	309

NEWS ROOM ATTENDANCES.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
1912—13.			
June...	25	29068	1163
July	27	29660	1099
August	27	24907	922
September	25	22905	916
October	27	22738	842
November	26	22606	869
December	25	22414	897
January	27	26935	998
February	24	28359	1181
March	25	27080	1083
April	26	24279	934
May...	27	23179	859
	311	304,130	980

TABLE SHEWING NUMBER OF BORROWERS ON MAY 31st, 1913.

Ordinary Tickets	5175
Students' ,, ...	642
Juvenile ,, ...	299
	6116

DONATIONS.

Gifts have been received from the Agents-General for Canada, New South Wales, Nova Scotia, South Australia and Western Australia; Ancient Society of York Florists; Mr. Tempest Anderson, M.D., J.P., York; Rev. Chancellor Austen, York; Board of Trade, London; Bootham Park, York; British Museum, London; Mr. J. Brown, York; Mr. S. M. Bryant, York; Messrs. Burrows & Co., Cheltenham; Mr. J. G. Butcher, K.C., M.P., Riccall; Messrs. Butler & Tanner, Frome; The Canadian Government; Carnegie Dunfermline Trustees, Dunfermline; Miss E. Carrington, Clifton, Bristol; Central Emigration Board, London; Clifton Wesleyan Sunday School Committee, York; Senhor Ramos-Coelho, Lisbon; Mr. B. G. C. Collier, Gateshead; Mr. R. B. Cooke, York; "Country-Side," London; Sir E. Durning-Lawrence, London; Mr. R. Ellis, London; Mr. J. Fenwick, York; Mr. A. Finney, York; Mr. A. H. Furnish, York; Mr. W. Giles, York; Mr. H. A. Gill, London; Mrs. Gutch, York; Mr. J. W. Hame, York; Mr. W. W. Hargrove, J.P., York; Mr. C. Harrison, York; Mr. A. Hemmens, York; High Commissioners for Australia, Canada and New Zealand; Mr. C. K. Hitchcock, M.A., M.D., York; Councillor J. M. Hogge, M.A., M.P.; Mr. J. Howard, York; Mr. J. Hume, York; "Illustrated London News," London; Incorporated Accountants' Society, London; International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers' Associations, Manchester; Mons. C. Janet, London; Mr. C. J. Kleiser, York; Messrs. C. & E. Layton, London; Lecture Agency, Ltd., London; Sir B. T. Leech, Timperley; Leicester Municipal Libraries' Committee; The Leigh Browne Endowment, London; Liverpool Public Libraries' Committee; Mr. H. M. Loadman, York; London College of Music; General Editor, London Matriculation Directory; Medical Officer of Health, York; Councillor C. Morrell, J.P., York; Mr. D. Morrell, York; Councillor J. B. Morrell, York; National Health Insurance Commissioners, London; National Home Reading Union, London; National Union of Teachers, London; New York Public Library Committee; Mr. W. S. Ogden, London; Rev. Canon E. C. Owen, M.A., Castletown, I.O.M.; H.M. Patents Office, London; Messrs. J. & J. Paton, London; Miss Percy, York; Primrose League (Milner Habitation), York; Proportional Representation Society, London; Mr. A. S. Rowntree, M.P., York; Royal Sanitary Institute, London; St. Stephen's Orphanage, York; Mr. J. H. Schooling, London; Mr. H. Sell, London; Smethwick Public Library Committee; Mr. W. Smith, London; H.M. Stationery Office, London; Mr. E. E. Taylor, Malton; Mr. S. S. Terry, York; Testimony Publishing Co., Chicago; Miss Thackwray, York; Mr. W. P. Thompson, Liverpool; "Times," London; Town Clerks of Brighton, Harrogate, London, Northampton, Reading, Sheffield, York, and Christchurch, New Zealand; Universities of Birmingham, Dublin, Durham, Edinburgh, Leeds, Liverpool and London; University Tutorial Press, Cambridge; Messrs. J. W. T. Vickers & Co., London; Mr. W. Waddington, York; Wigan Public Library Committee; Women's Industrial Council, London; Worshipful Company of Basketmakers, London; York Art Gallery and Museum Committee; York Blue Coat Boys' and Grey Coat Girls' Charity Schools; York Branch of the N.S.P.C.C.; York Castle Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society; York Chamber of Commerce; York Charity Trustees; York Children's Fund Committee; York Corporation; York Education Committee; York Health and Housing Reform Association; York Liberal Association; York (Micklegate Ward) Strays' Trust; York Municipal Officers' Guild; York Musical Society; York Penitentiary Society; York Quarterly Meeting (Friends') Boys' and

Girls' Schools; York Railway Institute; York Union; York University Extension Society; York Walmgate Mission School; York Watermen's Institute; "Yorkshire Gazette;" "Yorkshire Herald;" Yorkshire Philosophical Society; Yorkshire School for the Blind; Yorkshire Union of Institutes and Yorkshire Village Libraries.

PERIODICALS, NEWSPAPERS, &C., FROM THE FOLLOWING:—Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, London; Board of Trade, London; Bootham (Friends') School, York; Miss Carrington, Clifton, Bristol; Chartered Institute of Secretaries, London; Clark's College, London; Messrs. T. Cook and Son, London; Rt. Rev. Mons. Provost Dawson, York; Messrs. Delittle, Fenwick and Co., York; Emigrants' Information Office, London; Garden Cities Association; Mrs. Gray, Acomb; Mrs. E. Gray, York; Rev. A. Ingleby, Worthing; Mr. A. Lee, London; Councillor J. B. Morrell, York; H.M. Patents Office; Miss Percy, York: Proportional Representation Society, London; Alderman E. W. Purnell, J.P., York; Railway Clerks' Association; Skerry's College, London: H.M. Stationery Office; Mr. L. Thompson, York; Mr. T. A. Waddington, York; Mr. W. Waddington, York; Mr. Watts, York; Mrs. K. E. T. Wilkinson, York; York Christian Science Society; York Conservative Association; York Equitable Industrial Society; York Free Church Council; York Liberal Association; York Oddfellows' Society; York Temperance Society; York Theosophical Society.

REPORTS OR BULLETINS, &C., FROM THE FOLLOWING LIBRARIES:—Aberdeen, Accrington, Ashton-under-Lyne, Baltimore, U.S.A., Barnsley, Barrow-in-Furness, Batley, Belfast, Beverley, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Brooklyn, N.Y. (Pratt Institute), Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Cheltenham, Coventry, Derby, Dewsbury, Dundee, Gateshead, Gloucester, Grand Rapids, U.S.A., Great Yarmouth, Handsworth, Hornsey, Hove, Huddersfield, Hyde, Ilkley, Ipswich, Keighley, Kettering, Kidderminster, Leeds, Leeds Institute, Lincoln, Liverpool, London:—Battersea, Bishopsgate Foundation, Cripplegate Institute, Hammersmith, Hampstead, Kensal Rise, Kingston-upon-Thames, London Library, Shoreditch, Stoke Newington, Wandsworth, Westminster, Willesden Green, Willesden (Kilburn), Los Angeles, U.S.A., Loughborough, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Newark-on-Trent, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Newcastle-under-Lyme, New York (Astor Lennox), Northampton, Norwich, Nottingham, Oldbury, Osaka (Japan), Paisley, Penarth, Portsmouth, Preston, Providence, U.S.A., Reading, Rochdale, St. Helens, Salem, U.S.A., Salford, Smethwick, Taunton, Tottenham, Walthamstow, Watford, West Bromwich, West Hartlepool, Whitehaven, Wigan, Windsor (Canada), Workington.

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS SUPPLIED TO THE NEWSROOM.

Those marked * are presented.

DAILY.

*Birmingham Daily Post
Daily Citizen
Daily Chronicle
Daily Dispatch
Daily Express
Daily Mail
Daily Mirror
Daily News and Leader
Daily Sketch
Daily Telegraph
Eastern Morning News
Financial News
Freeman's Journal
Glasgow Herald
Irish Times
Leeds Mercury
Liverpool Mercury
Manchester Guardian
Morning Post
Newcastle Chronicle
North Mail
Northern Echo
*Nottingham Daily Express
Scotsman
Sheffield Daily Independent
Sheffield Daily Telegraph
Standard
Times
Yorkshire Daily Observer
Yorkshire Evening News
Yorkshire Evening Post
Yorkshire Evening Press
Yorkshire Herald
Yorkshire Post

WEEKLY.

Amateur Gardening
Amateur Photographer
Architects' & Builders' Journal
*Aspirant
Athenæum
*Auto-Motor Journal
*Banner of Israel
*Board of Trade Journal
*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory
Boys' Own Paper
*British Australasian
British Journal of Photography
*British Weekly
Broad Arrow
Builder
Cabinet Maker
*Canada
*Canadian
*Canadian Agency
*Canadian Mail
*Catholic Fireside
Christian Commonwealth
*Christian Science Sentinel
*Christian World
*Civil Service Candidate
*Civil Service Competitor
Clarion
*Clark's Weekly
*Common Cause
*Co-operative News
Country Life
*Cumberland Pacquet
Cycling
Economist
Electrical Review
Engineer
English Mechanic
Era
Exchange and Mart (three times per week)
Feathered World
Field
*Flight
Gentlewoman
Graphic
*Guardian
Horticultural Journal
Hospital

WEEKLY.—(Continued).

Illustrated London News
*Illustrated Official Journal (Patents)
Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News
*India
*Investors' Guardian
*Irish Catholic
Labour Leader
Lady
Lady's Pictorial
Live Stock Journal
Lloyd's Shipping Gazette
*Local Government Chronicle
*Local Government Journal
*London County Council Gazette
*Midland Counties Herald
*Morecambe Visitor
*Motor Traction
Municipal Journal
Nation
Nature
Notes and Queries
Nursing Mirror
*People
Phonetic Journal
*Pocklington News
*Poultry
*Practical Engineer
Public Opinion
Punch
Queen
Railway Gazette
Railway News
Railway Review
*Sanitary Record
Saturday Review
Saturday Westminster Gazette
Scarborough Gazette
Schoolmaster
Schoolmistress
*Shop Assistant
Sketch
Spectator
Sphere
Statist
*Suffragette
T.P.'s Weekly
*Tablet
Tatler
*Thirsk and District News
*Trade Marks Journal
Truth
*Two Worlds
*Votes for Women
*Whitby Gazette
*Whitby Times
Work
World
*Yorkshire Chronicle and Delittle's Advertiser
Yorkshire Gazette
Yorkshire Herald
*Yorkshire News
Yorkshire Weekly Post

MONTHLY.

*Abolitionist
*Acetylene
*Aeronautics
*Agricultural Economist
*Animal World
*Animals' Friend
*Animals' Guardian
Architectural Review
Army List
*Arms and Explosives
*Board of Trade Labour Gazette
Bookman
Bradshaw
*British Columbia
British Printer
Cassell's Magazine
Century Magazine
Chambers's Journal
*Christian Science Journal
*Church Gazette
*Commonwealth
Connoisseur
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
Country Side
*Covenant People
*Decorator
*Deliverer
*Depositor
*Educational Review
English Illustrated Magazine
*Ferro-Concrete
Fortnightly Review
*Free Church Chronicle

MONTHLY.—(Continued).

Fry's Magazine
*Garden Cities and Town Planning
Geographical Journal
Girls' Own Paper
*Glad Tidings
Harper's Magazine
*Herald of Health
*Herald of Peace
*Home
*Insurance Agent and Insurance Review
*Journal of the Board of Agriculture
*Journal of the Clerk of Works Association
Knowledge
Ladies' Home Journal
*Liberal Magazine
*Liberal Monthly
*Liberator
London Magazine
*Modern Astrology
*Moravian Missions
*Musical Herald
Musical Times
*Nation in Arms
*National Church
National Review
*New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
*Notes from Ireland
*Oddfellows Magazine
*Our Flag
Pall Mall Magazine
*Patents
Pearson's Magazine
*Positivist Review
Printer's Ink
Quiver
*Railway Clerk
*Rechabite Magazine
Reporters' Journal
*Return of Deaths of Seamen
Review of Reviews
Royal Magazine
St. Nicholas Magazine
*Secretary
Scribner's Magazine
Socialist Review
*State Correspondent
Strand Magazine
Studio
*Theosophist
*Tongues of Fire
*Travellers' Gazette
*Typographical Circular
*United Empire
*University Correspondent
*Vulcan
*Warrant Officers' and Naval Journal
Windsor Magazine
Woodworker
World's Work
*Y.M.C.A. Review
*Zoophilist

QUARTERLY.

*Anti-Slavery Reporter
*Bird Notes and News
*Bootham
Edinburgh Review
English Historical Review
*Herald of the Golden Age
Hibbert Journal
*National Home Reading Union Magazine
Navy List
*Our Race Quarterly
*Peterite
Progress
Quarterly Review
*Sphinx

OCCASIONAL.

*Colonial Journals, etc.
Directories, Calendars, etc.
*Railway Time Tables, Guides, etc.

NOTES.

Population of the City, 1911	82,297
Library Rate, one penny in the pound.	
Library Acts Adopted 15th October, 1891.	
News Room Opened 1st August, 1892.	
Library Opened by H.R.H. The Duke of York, 5th October, 1893.	
Library Stock (Lending) at Opening (in Vols.)	10,417
" " " at present time	22,192
Reference Stock	11,284
Reserve Stock...	947
Blue Books	1,072
Pamphlets (Unbound)	698
Miscellaneous (Portraits, etc.)	178
Total Volumes Issued from Commencement	3,161,831
Present number of Tickets in use (including 299 Juveniles) ...	6,116

York Institute (now the Public Library) acquired by York Corporation. 1st September, 1891.

York Institute Foundation Stone laid by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, 18th July, 1883. Opened by The Marquis of Lorne, June 10th, 1885.

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Committee for 1913-1914.

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CITY OF YORK.

TWENTY-FIRST GENERAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Public Library Committee have satisfaction in approving the following Report of the City Librarian on the working of the Library for the year ending the 31st May, 1914.

To the Chairman & Members of the Public Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

The Twenty-First Annual Report, which I now have the honour to present, is a record of a year's steady work with results, taken altogether, very similar to those shewn in the last Report. The Statistical Tables appended give some evidence of the extent and importance of it, but they cannot shew the real amount of work done, or its value.

Briefly summarised, the Tables shew that the Total Stock of the Library is 37,801 items. In the Lending Library the volumes number 22,805, being a net increase of 613. In the Reference Library the catalogued books number 11,721, Reserve Stock 1,004, Unbound Pamphlets 798, Blue Books 1,279, Prints and Photographs, etc., 194. The net increase in the whole Library is therefore 1,430. These figures, however, do not include replacements of worn-out books, which this year numbered 502 volumes. Worn-out books to the number of 154 were withdrawn, being out of print or not worthy of replacement. The books rebound numbered 784, besides many minor repairs.

The volumes issued during the year from the Lending Library numbered 147,456, with an average daily issue of 550 against 556 last year.

It is interesting to find that 346 books in Braille or Moon type were issued to blind readers. This shews that, prior to the national effort now being made for the blind, some effort has been made to meet their needs. It is to be hoped that the effort referred to may reduce the cost to Public Libraries, through which it seems to me the blind reader can be most effectively assisted.

In the Reference Library the registered issues were 14,895, against 14,453 last year, but for various reasons so many applications are attended to without being registered that these figures give a very insufficient idea of the actual result.

Borrowers' Tickets in force for the Lending Library on 31st May included 5,134 Ordinary Tickets, 584 Students' Tickets and 346 Juvenile Tickets, giving a total of 6,064, being 52 less than the total twelve months ago. The number of Borrowers to whom postal applications for the return of Books had to be sent was 635, many requiring a second or third application, followed by personal visits. The number of Fines paid during the year was 4,890.

Referring to the large number of Books it has been necessary to replace during the year, I may point out that one of the disquieting features of the present day, from the Librarian's point of view, is the lessened durability of the modern ordinary book. The paper and binding materials and methods adopted are so often inferior that the life of a book is much less than it was in former days. A showy appearance, even if it is really artistic, is a poor substitute for the strength and wearing power of similar books of some years ago. The porous, fluffy, or air blown paper on which many novels and some other books are now printed, tears much sooner, becomes dirtier much more quickly, and falls away from its binding much more easily than was the case when good materials were used. The expenditure and labour in keeping the Stock in a condition satisfactory to the Borrower are greatly increased, and there seems to be little hope for improvement. Many of the cheap reprints of to-day are admirable for the private buyer, but the price of books other than these reprints undoubtedly increases, and, together with the growth of the net system, is imposing an additional strain upon the ord-

inary Public Library whose income is small but whose circulation of books is great. These considerations clearly indicate how fast the penny is shrinking in value and how serious a question it is likely to become.

Though the Lending Library was closed for a few days only for the Annual Stock-taking, which has again been carefully done, the calling in of all the books has the effect of reminding Borrowers of its value to them. More than once people were heard saying "What I should do without the Library I really don't know!" A list of the more serious books asked for on the re-opening day would shew that novels are not the only works in demand, as some erroneously assert. Such a list would shew, too, a greater catholicity in taste and judgment than some of our critics would expect. People who delight only in Fiction are hardly likely to hurry on the re-opening morning for books like Sidgwick's Scope and Relation of Philosophy, Euchen's Can we still be Christians ?, Figgis on The Divine Right of Kings, Mowatt's Wars of the Roses, Rudall's Life of Beethoven, Jones's Holy Roman Empire, Low's Egypt in Transition, Robinson's Haussaland, Hughes's Book of the Black Forest, Long's Dairy Farming, Wallace's Scientific Studies, Strasburger's Botany, Henslow's Heredity of Character in Plants, Nelson's Ancient Painted Glass, Walker's and Senter's Practical Chemistry, Gerard s Clockmaking, Ratzel's History of Mankind, The Childhood of Man by Frobenius, Planché's British Costume, Poetry by Meynell and Noyes, Courthope's History of Poetry, Leigh Hunt's Essays, Wagner's Rhinegold, Webster's Groundwork of Music, Patterson's How to Listen to an Orchestra, Lanciani's The Renaissance in Rome, or Poincare's Science and Method, all of which, together with other similar works, were asked for on the opening day.

An effort to further develop the work of the Library for Children was made during the year, and, though unforeseen difficulties prevented its full realization, some progress was made. Some twelve hundred children, in charge of their teachers, visited the Library, with the approval of H.M. Inspector, and they were conducted over the various departments and examined the books specially displayed for the purpose. At your request and that of the Teachers' Committee, your Librarian gave an address on their Reading and Use of the Library. The close attention shewn by the children on each of the nine occasions on which

this was given, and the keen interest they displayed in their visits, fully justified the experiment.

Though no Catalogues have been printed during the year, Class Lists of the Sections of Philosophy and Religion have been in preparation and are almost ready for the press. The Catalogue for Children is now out of print and, if a re-issue cannot be afforded, some reduced form of Book List would seem to be necessary.

The question of additional shelving, referred to in my Report last year, has had to be deferred. Indeed the provision of further facilities is generally in suspense, pending the result of the application which has been made to the Carnegie Trust. Otherwise the thorough overhauling, painting, and decoration of the building would demand serious attention.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR H. FURNISH,

YORK, June, 1914. *City Librarian.*

Your Committee regret to have to record the loss by death of another of their number, Dr. Tempest Anderson, J.P., who had been a Member of the Committee since its formation.

Your Committee desire to acknowledge Presentations of Books, Portraits, or other interesting items by friends of the Library. These have been individually thanked, and their names are shewn in the Appendix.

Your Committee feel much indebted to the Editors of the local Newspapers for their help in giving, from time to time, Lists of Books added to the Library, special Book Lists on the subjects of Lectures, &c. These are of considerable assistance to the readers generally.

Your Committee greatly regret that at the Citizens' Meeting held on the 16th January, 1914, for the purpose of considering the Corporation's Bill to be promoted in Parliament, it was re-

solved to eliminate the Clause proposing to increase the rating power of the Corporation for Library purposes by one halfpenny if the Corporation should at any time deem it necessary. Though the proposed Clause met with considerable support in the City, it was unexpectedly defeated at the Public Meeting.

Your Committee would like to record their high appreciation of the services of Mr. Furnish and his Staff. They depend upon their Chief Librarian for the successful working of the Institution, and are glad to know that the courteous attention shewn to the readers at the Library is appreciated by the Citizens.

Your Committee have to report that during the year the Loan Debt has been reduced to £2.540 14s. 5d. On Revenue Account the Penny Rate realised £1,660 and Rent of Class Rooms, Sales of Catalogues, Fines, and miscellaneous receipts made the total income £1,817 3s. 1d. The Expenditure, including the purchase of Books, amounted to £1,785 7s. 4d., leaving a surplus balance on the year of £31 15s. 9d., which has been transferred to the Book Purchasing Fund Account. This balance has resulted from the postponement of the printing of further Catalogues, for which £40 had been allocated, and will of course, be required during the coming year. A full financial statement appears in the printed Abstract of the Accounts of the York Corporation.

J. B. MORRELL,

21st July, 1914. *Chairman.*

APPENDIX.

LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

Volumes in the Lending Library, 31st May, 1913		22,192
Added since :—		
By Purchase	744	
„ Gift	28	
„ Transfer	1	
	——	773
		22,965
Deduct :—		
By Binding	2	
„ Replacing...	1	
„ Withdrawal	154	
„ Transfer	3	
	——	160
Total Volumes in Stock, 31st May, 1914		22,805

ANALYSIS OF LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	Stock, 31st May, 1913.		Stock, 31st May, 1914.	
	Works.	Volumes.	Works.	Volumes.
A Religion and Philosophy	1239	1318	1272	1353
B Biography, History	2925	3568	3004	3651
C Travel	1198	1272	1229	1306
D Arts, Science, &c.	3427	3542	3619	3735
F Fiction	6922	7130	7095	7303
G Poetry and the Drama	492	583	508	600
H Essays and General Literature ...	1728	1941	1735	1948
J Juvenile Literature of all Classes...	2838	2838	2909	2909
	20,769	22,192	21,371	22,805

REFERENCE LIBRARY—STOCK ACCOUNT.

Volumes in Stock, year ending 31st May, 1913		11,284
Added since :—		
By Purchase...	184	
„ Gift	254	
„ Transfer	2	
		440
		11,724
Deduct :—		
By Transfer	1	
„ Binding	2	
		3
		11 721
Volumes in Reserve Stock		1,004
Unbound Pamphlets		798
Government Blue Books		1,279
Miscellaneous Stock (Portraits, &c)		194

ANALYSIS OF REFERENCE LIBRARY STOCK.

Class.	Stock, 1913.	Stock, 1914.
0 General Works	2248	2343
1 Philosophy	129	135
2 Religion	657	682
3 Sociology	1045	1100
4 Philology	181	185
5 Natural Science	736	749
6 Useful Arts	522	546
7 Fine Arts	775	825
8 Literature	1551	1611
9 History, Biography, Travel	3440	3545
	11,284	11,721

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—LENDING LIBRARY.

MONTH.	A Theology, Philosophy	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Sciences	F Fiction.	G Poetry & the Drama	H Essays and General Literature	J Juvenile Literature.	Braille.	TOTAL.	*Daily Average for Days Open.
1913—14.											
June ..	107	231	181	515	4420	61	259	1102	18	6894	493
July ...	140	326	280	771	6610	118	318	1863	17	10443	426
August ...	138	335	327	784	7437	82	300	1945	2	11350	493
September ..	144	356	347	861	7754	99	411	2077	27	12076	503
October ...	162	445	302	992	8281	79	507	2443	34	13245	540
November ...	170	486	320	1080	8586	86	501	2389	14	13632	593
December ...	131	436	312	875	7720	87	430	2306	41	12338	548
January ...	164	446	381	1109	9868	114	579	2744	50	15455	631
February ...	152	458	349	1047	9010	99	481	2319	34	13949	634
March ...	179	477	325	1079	9416	90	448	2778	25	14817	617
April ...	158	408	272	837	8167	97	372	2579	44	12934	602
May ...	124	296	221	681	6766	71	285	1839	40	10323	503
	1769	4700	3617	10631	94035	1083	4891	26384	346	147456	550

Days open ... 268. *Fractions not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

MONTH.	0 General Works.	1 Philosophy.	2 Religion.	3 Sociology.	4 Philology.	5 Natural Science.	6 Useful Arts.	7 Fine Arts.	8 Literature.	9 History, Biography, Travel.	Total.
1913—14.											
June	464	1	20	31	10	37	109	37	41	193	943
July	617	2	74	40	19	38	119	45	34	305	1293
August ...	396	...	10	25	12	40	47	63	32	169	794
September ...	388	11	22	43	14	46	79	80	27	150	860
October ...	955	1	31	61	35	18	76	138	30	335	1680
November ...	795	3	10	121	323	27	73	159	112	268	1891
December ...	472	1	34	86	236	17	88	67	32	172	1205
January ...	595	2	38	131	22	63	63	166	71	230	1381
February ...	541	2	11	69	51	25	85	144	79	337	1344
March ...	619	9	9	60	56	50	32	154	79	223	1291
April	582	7	13	49	30	46	124	125	37	133	1146
May	564	...	26	32	11	43	75	110	33	173	1067
	6988	39	298	748	819	450	970	1288	607	2688	14895

MAGAZINE ROOM ATTENDANCES, 1913-14.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
June...	25	6159	246
July	27	7133	264
August	25	6409	256
September	26	6297	242
October	27	7262	269
November	25	6366	255
December	25	7432	297
January	27	8021	297
February	24	7598	317
March	26	8002	308
April	24	6495	271
May	26	6696	258
	307	83,870	273

NEWS ROOM ATTENDANCES, 1913-14.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
June...	25	21,232	849
July	27	23,382	866
August	26	22,540	867
September	26	24.577	945
October	27	26,707	989
November	25	23,229	929
December	26	25,124	966
January	27	29,337	1087
February	24	30,972	1290
March	26	35,537	1367
April	25	23,696	948
May...	26	21,378	822
	310	307,711	993

TABLE SHEWING NUMBER OF BORROWERS ON MAY 31st, 1914.

Ordinary Tickets	5134
Students' ,, ...	584
Juvenile ,, ...	346
	6064

DONATIONS.

Gifts have been received from the Agents-General for Canada, New South Wales, South Australia, and Western Australia ; Mrs. Allen, Ilfracombe ; Anglo-Continental Publishing Co., Ltd. ; Mr. F. Arey, York ; Mr. G. C. Briars, Atherton ; Board of Trade, London ; Messrs. Blacklock and Co., London ; Mr. G. Benson, York ; Mr. J. G. Butcher, K.C., M.P., Riccall ; Mr. N. Buxton, M.P., London ; Messrs. Carson and Comerford, London ; Central Emigration Board, London ; Channel Tunnel Co., London ; Chartered Institute of Secretaries, London ; Messrs. J. and A. Churchill, London ; Mr. C. Cobb, York ; The Consulado-General del Paraguay, London ; Co-operative Wholesale Society, Ltd., Manchester ; Messrs. Crane, Crane, and Co., London ; Mr. J. A. C. Deas, Sunderland ; Rev. A. Emery, Rugby ; Mr. J. Fenwick, York ; Mr. A. Finney, York ; Mr. E. K. Francis, Colchester ; Froebel Society, London ; "Gardening," London ; Mrs. Gardiner, York ; General Managers of the Caledonian, Furness, Glasgow and South Western, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Western, London and North Western, North Eastern, South Eastern and Chatham Railway Companies ; Mr. R. B. Grant, Bardon Hill, Leicester ; Alderman Norman Green, J.P. ; Mr. T. W. Hall, Sheffield ; Mr. J. S. Hansom, London ; Mr. W. W. Hargrove, J.P., York ; Mr. A. Hemmens, York ; High Commissioners for Australia, Canada, and New Zealand ; Mr. J. M. Hogge, M.A., M.P., London ; Mr. J. Howard, York ; Hull Corporation ; Mr. L. Huntley, Beverley ; Mr. J. B. Hurry, Reading ; Incorporated Accountants' Society, London ; India Office, London ; International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' Associations, Manchester ; John Rylands Library, Manchester ; Mr. A. W. Kerr, Edinburgh ; Mr. C. J. Kleiser, York ; Mr. B. Lasker, York ; General Editor, London Matriculation Directory ; Mr. A. Lucas, London ; Marconi Press Agency, London ; Messrs. Mather and Crowther, Ltd., London ; Messrs. A. Matthews and Co., London ; Medical Officer of Health, York ; Councillor J. B. Morrell, York ; National Committee for the Prevention of Destitution, London ; National Health Insurance Commissioners, London ; National Union of Teachers, London ; Mr. G. A. Page, London ; H.M. Patents Office, London ; Messrs. J. and J. Paton, London ; Mr. J. R. Penty, York ; Editors of "The Peterite," York ; Miss I. J. Postgate, Whitby ; Municipality of Pretoria, S. A. ; Dr. H. Putnam, Washington, U.S.A. ; Mr. C. Roskell, London ; Mr. A. S. Rowntree, M.P., York ; Manager of the Royal Baths, Harrogate ; Royal Colonial Institute, London ; Royal (Dick) Veterinary College, Edinburgh ; Royal Insurance Company, Liverpool ; Royal Sanitary Institute, London ; Royal Society of Arts, London ; Mr. J. W. T. Rumfitt, York ; St. Anselm's Society, London ; Messrs. P. Spicer and Son, Leamington ; H.M. Stationery Office, London ; Mrs. L. E. Stuart, Carrow Abbey, Norwich ; Testimony Publishing Co., Chicago, U.S.A. ; Theosophical Society, London ; Town Clerks of Reading, Shrewsbury, and York ; Trades Directories, Ltd., Birmingham ; Universities of Birmingham, Cambridge, Dublin, Durham, Edinburgh, Leeds, Liverpool, London, and Oxford ; University Tutorial Press, Cambridge ; Sir W. Wedderburn, Bart., London ; Mr. H. G. Wigston, London ; Councillor K. E. T. Wilkinson, B.A., LL.B., York ; Mr. J. C. Williams, Gorran, Cornwall ; Mr. Wilson, York ; Rev. R. C. Wilton, Market Weighton ; Women's Industrial Council, London ; Working Men's Club and Institute Union, Ltd., London ; York Architectural Association ; York Art Gallery and Museum Committee ; York Blue Coat Boys' and Grey Coat Girls' Charity Schools, York ; York Branch of the N.S.P.C.C. ; York Chamber of Commerce ; York Charity Trustees ; York Corporation ; York Dispensary and Maternity Hospital ;

York Education Committee ; York Health and Housing Reform Association ; York Liberal Association ; York (Micklegate Ward) Strays Trust ; York University Extension Society ; " Yorkshire Gazette " ; " Yorkshire Herald " ; Yorkshire Philosophical Society.

Periodicals, Newspapers, &c., from the following :—Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, London ; Board of Trade, London ; Bootham (Friends') School, York ; Miss Carrington, Clifton, Bristol ; Chartered Institute of Secretaries, London ; Chartered Institute of Accountants, London ; Clark's College, London ; Messrs. T. Cook and Son, London ; Rt. Rev. Mons. Provost Dawson, York ; Messrs. Delittle, Fenwick, and Co., York ; Emigrants' Information Office, London ; Garden Cities Association ; Mrs. Gray, Acomb ; Mrs. E. Gray, York ; Rev. A. Ingleby, Worthing ; Incorporated Society of Accountants and Auditors, London ; Miss Key Jones, York ; Mr. A. Leo, London ; Councillor J. B. Morrell, York ; Mr. C. B. Parkin, York ; H.M. Patents Office, London ; Miss Percy, York ; Proportional Representation Society, London ; Alderman E. W. Purnell, J.P., York ; Railway Clerks' Association ; Skerry's College, London ; H.M. Stationery Office, London ; Mr. L. Thompson, York ; Mr. T. A. Waddington, York ; Mr. Walter Waddington, York ; Mr. Watts, York ; Mrs. K. E. T. Wilkinson, York ; York and District Teachers' Association ; York Christian Science Society ; York Conservative Association ; York Equitable Industrial Society ; York Free Church Council ; York Liberal Association ; York Musical Society ; York Oddfellows' Society ; York Temperance Society ; York Theosophical Society ; York Young Men's Christian Association ; York University Extension Society ; and the Editors and Publishers of various Trades Journals, and anonymous Friends of the Library.

Reports or Bulletins, &c., from the following Libraries :—Aberdeen, Accrington, Ashton-under-Lyne, Baltimore (U.S.A.), Barrow-in-Furness, Batley, Belfast, Beverley, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Brooklyn (Pratt Institute, N.Y., U.S.A.), Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Cheltenham, Colchester, Cork, Coventry, Derby, Dewsbury, Eastbourne, Grand Rapids (U.S.A.), Hornsey, Hove, Hyde, Ipswich, Keighley, Kettering, Kidderminster, Leeds, Leeds Institute, Leyton, Liverpool, London :—Bishopsgate Foundation, Chelsea, Cripplegate Institute, Kensal Rise, Kingston-upon-Thames, Shoreditch, Stoke Newington, Wandsworth, Westminster, Willesden Green, Willesden (Kilburn), Wimbledon, Los Angeles, (U.S.A.), Loughborough, Manchester, Middlesborough, New York, Astor Lennox (U.S.A.), Newark-on-Trent, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Norwich, Northampton, Nottingham, Osaka (Japan), Paisley, Penarth, Providence (U.S.A.), Rochdale, St. Helen's, Salem (U.S.A.), Salford, Smethwick, Sunderland, Taunton, Tottenham, Walthamstow, Watford, Whitehaven, Wigan, Windsor (Canada), Workington.

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS SUPPLIED TO THE READING ROOMS.

Those marked * are presented.

DAILY.

*Birmingham Daily Post
Daily Chronicle
Daily Citizen
Daily Dispatch
Daily Express
Daily Mail
Daily Mirror
Daily News and Leader
Daily Sketch
Daily Telegraph
Eastern Morning News
Financial News
Freeman's Journal
Glasgow Herald
Irish Times
Leeds Mercury
Liverpool Mercury
Manchester Guardian
Morning Post
Newcastle Chronicle
North Mail
*North Star
Northern Echo
*Nottingham Daily Express
Scotsman
Sheffield Daily Independent
Sheffield Daily Telegraph
Standard
Times
Yorkshire Daily Observer
Yorkshire Evening News
Yorkshire Evening Post
Yorkshire Evening Press
Yorkshire Herald
Yorkshire Post

WEEKLY.

Amateur Gardening
Amateur Photographer
Architects' and Builders' Journal
*Aspirant
Athenæum
*Australian Official Journal of Patents
*Australian Official Journal of Trade Marks
*Auto-Motor Journal
*Banner of Israel
*Board of Trade Journal
*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory
British Journal of Photography
*British Weekly
Broad Arrow
Builder
Cabinet Maker
*Canadian Agency
*Canadian Mail
*Catholic Fireside
Christian Commonwealth
*Christian Science Sentinel
*Christian World
*Civil Service Candidate
Clarion
*Clarke's Educator
*Common Cause
*Co-operative News
Country Life
*Cumberland Pacquet
Cycling
Economist
Electrical Review
Engineer
English Mechanic
Era
Exchange and Mart (three times per week)
Feathered World
Field
*Flight
Gentlewoman
Graphic
*Guardian
*Homefinder
Hospital
Illustrated London News
*Illustrated Official Journal (Patents)
Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News
*India

WEEKLY—(Continued).

*Investors' Guardian
*Irish Catholic
Labour Leader
Lady
Lady's Pictorial
Live Stock Journal
Lloyd's Shipping Gazette
*Local Government Chronicle
*Local Government Journal
*London County Council Gazette
*Midland Counties Herald
*Morecambe Visitor
*Motor Traction
Municipal Journal
Nation
Nature
New Statesman
*New Zealand Patents Office Journal
Notes and Queries
Nursing Mirror
*People
Phonetic Journal
*Pocklington News
*Poultry
*Practical Engineer
Public Opinion
Punch
Queen
Railway Gazette
Railway News
Railway Review
*Sanitary Record
Saturday Review
Saturday Westminster Gazette
Scarborough Gazette
Schoolmaster
Schoolmistress
*Shop Assistant
Sketch
Spectator
Sphere
Statist
*Suffragette
T.P.'s Weekly
*Tablet
Tatler
*Thirsk and District News
*Trade Marks Journal
Truth
*Two Worlds
*Votes for Women
*Whitby Gazette
*Whitby Times
Work
World
*Yorkshire Chronicle and Delittle's Advertiser
Yorkshire Gazette
Yorkshire Herald
*Yorkshire News
Yorkshire Weekly Post

MONTHLY.

*Abolitionist
*Acetylene
*Aeronautics
*Agricultural Economist
*Animal World
*Animals' Friend
*Animals' Guardian
Architectural Review
Army List
*Arms and Explosives
*Board of Trade Labour Gazette
Bookman
Boys' Own Paper
Bradshaw
*British Columbia
British Printer
Century Magazine
Chambers's Journal
*Christian Science Journal
*Church Gazette
*Commonwealth
Connoisseur
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
Country Side
*Covenant People
*Decorator
*Deliverer
*Educational Review
Fortnightly Review
*Free Church Chronicle
Fry's Magazine
*Garden Cities and Town Planning
Geographical Journal
Girls' Own Paper
*Glad Tidings
Harper's Magazine
*Herald of Peace
*Home
*Insurance Agent & Insurance Review

MONTHLY—(Continued).

*Journal of the Board of Agriculture
*Journal of the Clerk of Works Association
Knowledge
Ladies Home Journal
*Liberal Magazine
*Liberal Monthly
*Liberator
London Magazine
*Modern Astrology
*Moravian Missions
Musical Herald
Musical Times
*Nation in Arms
*National Church
National Review
*New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
*Notes from Ireland
*Oddfellows Magazine
*Our Flag
Pall Mall Magazine
*Patents
Pearson's Magazine
*Positivist Review
Printer's Ink
Quiver
*Railway Clerk
*Rechabite Magazine
Reporter's Journal
*Return of Deaths of Seamen
Review of Reviews
Royal Magazine
St. Nicholas Magazine
Scribner's Magazine
*Secretary
Strand Magazine
Studio
*Theosophist
*Tongues of Fire
*Travellers' Gazette
*United Empire
*University Correspondent
*Vulcan
*Warrant Officers' and Naval Journal
Windsor Magazine
Woodworker
World's Work
*Y.M.C.A. Review
*Zoophilist

QUARTERLY.

*Anti-Slavery Reporter
*Bird Notes and News
*Bootham
Edinburgh Review
English Historical Review
*Herald of the Golden Age
Hibbert Journal
*National Home Reading Union Magazine
Navy List
*Northern British-Israel Review
*Our Race Quarterly
*Peterite
Progress
Quarterly Review
Socialist Review
*Sphinx

OCCASIONAL.

*Colonial Journals, etc.
Directories, Calendars, etc.
*Railway Time Tables, Guides, etc.

NOTES.

Population of the City, 1911	82,297
Library Rate, one penny in the pound.	
Library Act Adopted 15th October, 1891.	
News Room Opened 1st August, 1892.	
Library Opened by H.R.H. The Duke of York, 5th October, 1893.	
Library Stock (Lending) at Opening (in Vols.)	10,417
" " " at present time	22,805
Reference Stock	11,721
Reserve Stock	1,004
Blue Books	1,279
Pamphlets (Unbound)	798
Miscellaneous (Portraits, etc.)	194
Present number of Tickets in use (including 346 Juveniles) ...	6,064

York Institute (now the Public Library) acquired by York Corporation, 1st September, 1891.

York Institute Foundation Stone laid by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, 18th July, 1883. Opened by The Marquis of Lorne, June 10th, 1885.

CITY OF YORK.

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CITY OF YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Committee for 1914-1915.

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Junior Assistant :—J. WALSH.

CITY OF YORK.

TWENTY-SECOND GENERAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Public Library Committee have satisfaction in approving the following Report of the City Librarian on the working of the Library for the ten months ending the 31st March, 1915.

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

From the commencement of the Public Library it has been customary to make the 31st May the end of the Library year because of the Annual Stocktaking being fixed for that date. The whole of the figures given in Annual Reports therefore fitted with the actual results ascertained on taking Stock, and were verified with absolute certainty. But this arrangement had the disadvantage of not agreeing with the financial year of the Corporation, which ends on March 31st. It has been thought advisable to alter the procedure and make the last-named date the end of the year for all Library purposes. This Report for 1914-15 therefore covers the ten months only (excepting the financial statement) from June 1st, 1914, to March 31st, 1915, and is consequently incomplete as a year's record; but it will secure for future Annual Reports an agreement of financial and working statements hitherto not obtainable.

The Tables appended shew that in the Lending Library the Stock consists of 23,417 volumes, being a net gain of 612. Catalogued books in the Reference Library number 12,014, Reserve Stock 1,012, Unbound Pamphlets 860, Blue Books 1,332, Prints and Photographs, etc., 235.

Worn-out books were replaced by 475 volumes, 137 were withdrawn, and 708 were re-bound. The Total Stock therefore stands at 38,870 items.

The issues for the ten months numbered 131,394 volumes; the Lending Library figures being 119,937, and for the Reference Library 11,457. The Lending Library daily average was 528, against the previous year's 556, a much smaller decrease than might have been expected, many male borrowers having joined the Army, whilst other readers have been busily engaged in public and private effort rendered necessary by the War.

The number of Tickets in the hands of Borrowers on 31st March was 5,950. Included are 645 Students' Tickets, and 375 Juveniles' Tickets. None out of date or withdrawn are included in these figures.

The Library has of course been greatly affected by the War conditions. Early in the Autumn a large part of the Library premises was taken over for military use, soldiers were quartered in the building, and quite naturally some portions of our work were hindered. During the winter two Members of the Staff entered the Army, Mr. S. M. Bryant, my second Senior Assistant, joining the Durham Light Infantry, whilst another, W. Delaine, was enrolled in the Royal Field Artillery. Neither post was filled up, and it became necessary to leave over all work not immediately pressing, so that the ordinary facilities of the Library should be maintained and the requirements of the public service met as satisfactorily as possible. I am glad to say that, my Staff having heartily co-operated with me in this effort, there was no serious curtailment of the privileges of readers in either Library, though if the war conditions be long continued the postponed work will of course increase. But if borrowers and readers will be considerate and change their books during the less busy hours, it will help in preventing any delay which under the circumstances may otherwise be unavoidable at times.

The conditions under which this Report is issued, the change in the length of the period which it covers, the shortage of the staff, and the troubled aspect of the immediate future make it inadvisable for me to refer to any ideas or plans for further work at present; but I must record my firm conviction that in these anxious days the Library is found to be even more helpful and necessary by a large number of the inhabitants of the City than in ordinary times, and express the fervent hope that nothing

will be done that shall in any way limit its usefulness. In this connection I venture to suggest that the sum received from the Military should be at once expended in the much needed and long overdue cleaning and renovation of the building, or earmarked for that purpose, inasmuch as the ordinary Annual Income barely meets the Expenditure, and the Committee have no means of increasing it.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR H. FURNISH,

City Librarian.

Your Committee have again to acknowledge with thanks the gifts of Books, etc., by various friends of the Library whose names appear in the Appendix to this Report. The Collection of Portraits of Lord Mayors, Sheriffs, and other well-known Citizens has been strengthened by the addition, amongst others, of the late Dr. Tempest Anderson, J.P., large groups of the chief personages connected with the York Pageant of 1909, etc., and your Committee are hopeful that still further gifts of a similar kind may be received.

Your Committee think it right to place on record their great regret on the death of Mr. John Howard, who had given gratuitous service every year since the Public Library was established.

The Proprietors and Editors of local newspapers have again kindly assisted in making known to the public the many additions to the stock of books available for public use, and your Committee gratefully appreciate this assistance.

Your Committee have to report that during the year the Loan Debt has been reduced to £2,439 11s. 4d. On Revenue Account the Penny

Rate realised £1,660, and Rent of Class Rooms, Sales of Catalogues, Fines, Billeting of Troops, and miscellaneous receipts made the total income £1,934 15s. 0d. Every effort has been made to secure economy, and the Expenditure, including the purchase of Books, amounted to £1,822 12s. 2d., leaving a surplus balance on the year of £112 2s. 10d., which has been transferred to the Book Purchasing Fund Account. This balance has resulted from the further postponement of the printing of Catalogues, for which £40 had been allocated, and from the payments made by the Military. A full financial statement appears in the printed Abstract of the Accounts of the York Corporation.

J. B. MORRELL,

24th August, 1915. *Chairman.*

APPENDIX.

LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

Volumes in the Lending Library, 31st May, 1914		22,805
Added since:—		
By Purchase	741	
,, Gift	25	
,, Replacement	3	
		769
		23,574
Deduct:—		
By Binding	5	
,, Replacement	1	
,, Withdrawal	137	
,, Transfer	14	
		157
Total Volumes in Stock, 31st March, 1915		23,417

ANALYSIS OF LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	Stock 31st May, 1914.		Stock, 31st March, 1915.	
	Works.	Volumes.	Works.	Volumes.
A Religion and Philosophy	1272	1353	1303	1384
B Biography, History	3004	3651	3066	3718
C Travel	1229	1306	1287	1366
D Arts, Science, &c.	3619	3735	3755	3872
F Fiction	7095	7303	7313	7522
G Poetry and the Drama	508	600	518	610
H Essays and General Literature ...	1735	1948	1755	1967
J Juvenile Literature of all Classes...	2909	2909	2978	2978
	21,371	22,805	21,975	23,417

REFERENCE LIBRARY—STOCK ACCOUNT.

Volumes in Stock, year ending 31st May, 1914...		11,721
Added since:—		
By Purchase	156	
,, Gift	122	
,, Transfer	15	
		293
		12,014
Volumes in Reserve Stock		1,012
Unbound Pamphlets		860
Government Blue Books		1,332
Miscellaneous Stock (Portraits, etc.)		235
Volumes Finally Withdrawn		137
,, Replaced		473 by 475
,, Re-bound		708

ANALYSIS OF REFERENCE LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	Stock, 1914.	Stock, 1915.
0 General Works	2343	2388
1 Philosophy	135	136
2 Religion	682	693
3 Sociology	1100	1154
4 Philology	185	194
5 Natural Science	749	781
6 Useful Arts	546	568
7 Fine Arts	825	842
8 Literature	1611	1624
9 History, Biography, Travel	3545	3634
	11,721	12,014

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—LENDING LIBRARY.

MONTH.	A Theology, Philosophy	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Sciences.	F Fiction.	G Poetry & the Drama.	H Essays and General Literature.	J Juvenile Literature.	Braille.	TOTAL.	*Daily Average for Days Open.
1914—15.											
June... ...	61	221	168	540	4521	51	218	1326	19	7125	475
July... ...	116	291	241	758	7220	76	314	2010	9	11035	451
August ...	106	321	227	653	7427	71	280	2215	27	11327	493
September ...	90	434	222	762	7509	76	319	2364	46	11822	493
October ...	152	501	215	1009	8250	104	374	2639	35	13279	542
November ...	123	454	230	916	7683	82	378	2520	18	12404	539
December ...	107	366	229	786	6887	65	343	2372	1	11156	507
January ...	153	452	295	904	8992	106	395	2990	45	14332	597
February ...	152	388	290	895	8418	150	371	2502	38	13204	601
March ...	185	375	332	978	8991	112	413	2833	34	14253	571
	1245	3803	2449	8201	75898	893	3405	23771	272	119937	528

Days open ... 227. *Fractions not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

MONTHS.	0 General Works.	1 Philosophy.	2 Religion.	3 Sociology.	4 Philology.	5 Natural Science.	6 Useful Arts.	7 Fine Arts.	8 Literature.	9 History, Biography, Travel	TOTAL.
1914—15.											
June	479	...	14	35	27	56	62	68	32	144	917
July	547	4	25	81	5	61	42	68	21	203	1057
August ...	589	1	21	48	11	23	31	78	3	149	954
September ...	704	5	12	65	16	20	73	74	20	104	1093
October ...	687	3	21	40	22	49	67	70	29	130	1118
November ...	600	...	2	73	17	77	33	66	54	136	1058
December ...	587	1	16	33	20	48	43	108	43	90	989
January ...	771	...	35	55	25	70	44	90	33	133	1256
February ...	799	4	14	28	19	97	40	183	52	194	1430
March ...	896	16	44	54	39	90	89	92	76	189	1585
	6659	34	204	512	201	591	524	897	363	1472	11457

MAGAZINE ROOM ATTENDANCES, 1914-15.

MONTH.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
June	25	5122	205
July	27	4023	149
August	25	3888	156
September	26	4118	158
October	27	5207	193
November	25	5041	202
December	24	4881	203
January	26	6145	236
February	24	5047	210
March	27	5907	219
	256	49,379	193

NEWS ROOM ATTENDANCES, 1914-15.

MONTH.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
June...	26	22,408	862
July	27	19,405	719
August	26	33,096	1273
September	26	36,346	1398
October	27	31,786	1177
November	25	31,949	1286
December	26	29,049	1117
January	26	27,709	1065
February	24	24,597	1025
March	27	30,494	1130
	260	286,839	1105

TABLE SHEWING NUMBER OF BORROWERS ON MAY 31st, 1915.

Ordinary Tickets	4930
Student's ,, ...	645
Juvenile ,, ...	375
	5950

DONATIONS.

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Daily Chronicle
Daily Dispatch
Daily Express
Daily Mail
Daily Mirror
Daily News and Leader
Daily Sketch
Daily Telegraph
Eastern Morning News
Financial News
Freeman's Journal
Glasgow Herald
Irish Times
Leeds Mercury
Liverpool Mercury
Manchester Guardian
Morning Post
Newcastle Chronicle
North Mail
*North Star
Northern Echo
*Nottingham Daily Express
Scotsman
Sheffield Daily Independent
Sheffield Daily Telegraph
Standard
Times
Yorkshire Daily Observer
Yorkshire Evening News
Yorkshire Evening Press
Yorkshire Evening Post
Yorkshire Herald
Yorkshire Post

WEEKLY.

Amateur Gardening
Amateur Photographer
Architects' and Builders' Journal
Athenæum
*Australian Official Journal of Patents
*Australian Official Journal of Trade Marks
*Auto-Motor Journal
*Banner of Israel
*Board of Trade Journal
British Journal of Photography
*British Weekly
Broad Arrow
Builder
Cabinet Maker
*Catholic Fireside
Christian Commonwealth
*Christian Science Sentinel
*Christian World
*Civil Service Candidate
Clarion
*Clarke's Educator
*Co-operative News
Country Life
*Cumberland Pacquet
Cycling
Economist
Electrical Review
Engineer
English Mechanic
Era
Exchange and Mart (twice per week)
Feathered World
Field
*Flight
Gentlewoman
Graphic
*Homefinder
Hospital
Illustrated London News
*Illustrated Official Journal (Patents)
Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News
*India
*Investors' Guardian
*Irish Catholic
*Isle of Wight Guardian
Labour Leader
Lady
Lady's Pictorial
Land and Water

WEEKLY—(Continued).

Live Stock Journal
Lloyd's Shipping Gazette
*Local Government Chronicle
*Local Government Journal
*London County Council Gazette
*Midland Counties Herald
*Morecambe Visitor
*Motor Traction
Municipal Journal
Nation
Nature
New Statesman
*New Zealand Patents Office Journal
Notes and Queries
Nursing Mirror
*People
Phonetic Journal
*Pocklington News
*Poultry
*Practical Engineer
Public Opinion
Punch
Queen
Railway Gazette
Railway News
Railway Review
*Sanitary Record
Saturday Review
Saturday Westminster Gazette
Schoolmaster
Schoolmistress
*Shop Assistant
Sketch
Spectator
Sphere
Statist
*Suffragette
T.P.'s Weekly
*Tablet
Tatler
*Trade Marks Journal
Truth
*Two Worlds
*Whitby Gazette
*Whitby Times
Work
World
Yorkshire Gazette
Yorkshire Herald
Yorkshire Weekly Post

MONTHLY.

*Aeronautics
*Agricultural Economist
*Animal World
*Animals' Friend
*Animals' Guardian
Architectural Review
Army List
*Arms and Explosives
*Board of Trade Labour Gazette
Bookman
Boys' Own Paper
Bradshaw
*British Esperantist
British Printer
Century Magazine
Chambers's Journal
*Christian Science Journal
*Church Gazette
*Commonwealth
Connoisseur
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
Country Side
*Covenant People
*Decorator
*Deliverer
Fortnightly Review
*Free Church Chronicle
Fry's Magazine
*Garden Cities and Town Planning
Geographical Journal
Girls' Own Paper
Harper's Magazine
*Herald of Peace
*Home
*Insurance Agent and Insurance Review
*Journal of the Board of Agriculture
*Journal of the Clerk of Works Association
Knowledge
Ladies' Home Journal
*Liberal Magazine
*Liberal Monthly
*Liberator
London Magazine
*Moravian Missions
Musical Herald

MONTHLY—(Continued).

Musical Times
*Nation in Arms
*National Church
National Review
*New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
*Notes from Ireland
*Oddfellows' Magazine
Pall Mall Magazine
*Patents
Pearson's Magazine
*Positivist Review
Printer's Ink
Quiver
*Railway Clerk
Reporter's Journal
*Return of Deaths of Seamen
Review of Reviews
Royal Magazine
St. Nicholas Magazine
Scribner's Magazine
*Secretary
Strand Magazine
Studio
*Theosophist
*Tongues of Fire
*United Empire
*University Correspondent
*Vulcan
*War and Peace
*Warrant Officers' and Naval Journal
Windsor Magazine
*Wireless World
Woodworker
World's Work
*Zoophilist

QUARTERLY.

*Anti-Slavery Reporter
*Bird Notes and News
*Bootham
Edinburgh Review
English Historical Review
*Herald of the Golden Age
Hibbert Journal
*National Home Reading Union Magazine
Navy List
*Northern British-Israel Review
*Our Race Quarterly
*Peterite
Progress
Quarterly Review
Socialist Review
*Sphinx

OCCASIONAL.

*Colonial Journals, etc.
*Directories, Calendars, etc.
*Railway Time Tables, Guides, etc.

NOTES.

Population of the City, 1911	82,297

Library Rate, one penny in the pound.

Library Act Adopted 15th October, 1891.

News Room Opened 1st August, 1892.

Library Opened by H.R.H. The Duke of York, 5th October, 1893.

Library Stock (Lending) at Opening (in Vols.)	10,417
,, ,, ,, at present time	23,417
Reference Stock	12,014
Reserve Stock	1,012
Blue Books	1,332
Pamphlets (Unbound)	860
Miscellaneous (Portraits, etc.)	235
Present number of Tickets in use (including 375 Juveniles)...	5,950

York Institute (now the Public Library) acquired by York Corporation, 1st September, 1891.

York Institute Foundation Stone laid by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, 18th July, 1883. Opened by The Marquis of Lorne, June 10th, 1885.

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CITY OF YORK.

TWENTY-THIRD GENERAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Public Library Committee have satisfaction in approving the following Report of the City Librarian on the working of the Library for the year ending the 31st March, 1916.

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

For the reason stated in the Report issued for 1914-15, the period covered therein included ten months only. This year the results for the twelve months ending March 31st are given, but obviously a real comparison of the work for each of the last two years cannot be made. I propose to make this Report as brief as possible, because of the abnormal circumstances caused by the War, which have made it very difficult for most Libraries to maintain their work unimpaired. In our own case, everything has been subordinated to the one effort of keeping the facilities of the Library available to the public without any curtailment whatever, and this, I am glad to say, has been accomplished up to the present time, though I could wish that the public would help us a little more, as far as convenient, by exchanging their books during the less busy hours of the day. Since the last

Report was issued, the Staff has been still further reduced by the resignation of Mr. J. Walsh, who left to take up a post in an Army Department Office, and the scarcity of suitable Boy Assistants has also added to the difficulties of administration. All work that could be postponed has necessarily been held over, as the senior vacancies created have not been filled up, but are kept open for the return of men at the close of the War.

War conditions have of course affected our Statistics, as in the case of other Libraries throughout the country. The Stock Account shews that during the year there was a net gain of 415 vols. in the Lending Library, bringing the total up to 23,832 vols., and in the Reference Library the net gain was 229, altering the total to 12,243 catalogued items. The Reserve Stock is now 1,023, Unbound Pamphlets number 968, Blue Books 1,375, Prints and Photographs, etc., 241. The total Stock is therefore 39,682 items, as against 38,870. The worn-out Books replaced were 340, and those withdrawn numbered 240.

The recorded Issues for the twelve months were 156,574, of which the Lending Library, with an average of 503 per day, issued 140,885, and the Reference Library 15,689. But it has to be remembered that much work is done in the Reference Library without being recorded.

The Borrowers' Tickets in use have dropped from 5,950 to 5,819. Those known as Students' Tickets number 602, and the Juveniles' 406. All out of date or cancelled Tickets are excluded from these figures. Applications by post for books unduly detained numbered 701, in some cases requiring much further enquiry by messengers, and 7,653 Fines were levied.

Under the circumstances no fresh developments have been possible, though endeavours have been made by personal service, by the issuing of book lists, often kindly reproduced in the local newspapers by the courtesy of their Editors, and other efforts to

continue the assistance to readers which it is the desire of myself and my Staff to render at all times when possible.

Further information appears, as usual, in the Appendix.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR H. FURNISH,

City Librarian.

Your Committee report that during the year the Loan Debt has been reduced to £2,335 7s. 7d. The Penny Rate realised £1,670, and Rent of Class Rooms, Sales of Catalogues, Fines, Billeting of Troops and Miscellaneous Receipts brought the total income to £1,905. It has always been necessary to exercise great economy in the administration of the Library funds, but during the year every expense that could be postponed has been avoided, so that the expenditure amounted to £1,689 18s. 11d., leaving a surplus balance of £215 1s. 1d., transferred to the Book Purchasing Fund Account. A full Financial Statement appears in the printed Abstract of the Accounts of the York Corporation.

During the year Classes for the Instruction of Students in the Making of Munitions, and Classes for the Commercial Education of Women have been carried on by the Education Committee of the Corporation in some of the rooms of the Library building, and the City Librarian's Addresses to School Children and other work had again to be abandoned.

Gifts of Books, &c., have been received from various friends of the Library during the year, the names of the Donors appear-

ing in the Appendix to this Report, and to them and to the Editors of the local newspapers your Committee tender grateful acknowledgment.

Though it may more properly concern the transactions of the year following that for which this Report is made, your Committee cannot refrain from recording the generous offer of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees, made after due consideration of your Committee's application, to grant a sum of £12,000 for the erection in York of a suitable Library building. This offer was reported and gratefully accepted at the Meeting of your Committee held on the 21st March last, and duly approved by your Council at the April Meeting. Your Committee have now under consideration the important question of the provision of a suitable site, and they trust that, though the work of erection is to be postponed until the close of the war, a building really worthy of the object and creditable to the City may result.

J. B. MORRELL.

18th July, 1916. *Chairman.*

APPENDIX.

LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

Volumes in the Lending Library, 31st March, 1915		23,417
Added since :—		
By Purchase	641	
„ Gift	15	
	——	656
		24,073
Deduct :—		
By Withdrawal	240	
„ Transfer	1	
	——	241
Total Volumes in Stock, 31st March, 1916		23,832

ANALYSIS OF LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	Stock 31st March, 1915.		Stock 31st March, 1916.	
	Works.	Volumes.	Works.	Volumes.
A Religion and Philosophy ...	1303	1384	1331	1412
B Biography, History	3066	3718	3138	3791
C Travel	1288	1366	1320	1398
D Arts, Sciences, &c.	3755	3872	3853	3970
F Fiction	7313	7522	7461	7670
G Poetry and the Drama	518	610	532	624
H Essays and General Literature...	1755	1967	1709	1921
J Juvenile Literature of all Classes	2978	2978	3046	3046
	21,976	23,417	22,390	23,832

REFERENCE LIBRARY—STOCK ACCOUNT.

Volumes in Stock, year ending 31st March, 1915		12,014
Added since :—		
By Purchase	131	
„ Gift	97	
„ Transfer...	1	
		229
		12,243

Volumes in Reserve Stock	1,023
Unbound Pamphlets	968
Government Blue Books	1,375
Miscellaneous Stock (Portraits, &c.)	241
Volumes Finally Withdrawn	240
„ Replaced	340
„ Re-bound	635

ANALYSIS OF REFERENCE LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	Stock, 1915.	Stock, 1916.
0 General Works	2388	2430
1 Philosophy	136	137
2 Religion	693	718
3 Sociology	1154	1176
4 Philology	194	195
5 Natural Science	781	791
6 Useful Arts	568	588
7 Fine Arts	842	875
8 Literature	1624	1647
9 History, Biography, Travel	3634	3686
	12,014	12,243

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—LENDING LIBRARY.

MONTH.	A Theology, Philosophy	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Sciences.	F Fiction.	G Poetry & the Drama.	H Essays and General Literature.	J Juvenile Literature.	Braille.	Total.	*Daily Average for Days Open.
1915—16.											
April ...	183	352	327	843	7779	115	363	2480	15	12457	579
May... ...	108	347	229	757	7368	81	299	2262	24	11475	499
June... ...	152	302	198	736	6659	82	268	1888	38	10323	430
July	132	347	207	721	7289	73	309	1851	33	10962	447
August ...	144	279	172	697	6724	50	233	1752	16	10067	438
September ...	127	315	223	746	7116	59	272	1711	22	10591	451
October ...	122	404	230	903	8319	88	335	2259	32	12692	529
November ...	169	408	262	838	7728	98	303	2253	42	12101	504
December ...	86	360	264	651	6891	88	311	2112	55	10818	503
January ...	174	444	286	816	8559	100	310	2637	57	13383	558
February ...	147	368	248	741	7855	94	336	2596	35	12420	540
March ...	142	453	286	830	8421	101	353	3000	10	13596	555
	1686	4379	2932	9279	90708	1029	3692	26801	379	140885	503

Days open ... 280. *Fractions not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

MONTHS.	0 General Works.	1 Philosophy.	2 Religion.	3 Sociology.	4 Philology.	5 Natural Science.	6 Useful Arts.	7 Fine Arts.	8 Literature.	9 History, Biography, Travel	TOTAL.
1915—16.											
April	766	...	24	34	16	51	50	97	46	144	1228
May	849	4	14	67	63	51	47	108	40	141	1384
June	847	1	6	35	22	117	45	71	61	128	1333
July	804	10	24	75	16	63	70	87	27	210	1386
August ...	696	5	31	32	33	85	57	79	42	130	1190
September ...	777	19	17	30	28	61	46	101	21	90	1190
October ...	673	45	18	42	25	123	108	141	37	188	1400
November ...	661	4	30	58	38	83	106	151	59	98	1288
December ...	597	...	24	34	10	44	88	59	57	121	1034
January ...	772	3	32	54	27	96	125	109	45	158	1421
February ...	765	1	74	24	26	60	87	112	46	140	1335
March ...	793	1	19	26	49	140	88	109	54	221	1500
	9000	93	313	511	353	974	917	1224	535	1769	15689

MAGAZINE ROOM ATTENDANCES, 1915—16.

MONTH.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
April	25	4882	203
May	25	3805	152
June	26	2592	100
July	27	4505	167
August	25	3667	147
September	26	3302	127
October	26	3757	145
November	26	4411	170
December	24	4312	180
January	26	5494	211
February	25	6146	245
March	27	5213	193
	308	52,086	169

NEWS ROOM ATTENDANCES, 1915—16.

MONTH.	Days Open.	Total Attendances	Daily Average.
April	25	25,000	1000
May	26	23,469	903
June	26	21,861	841
July	27	21,041	779
August	26	18,465	710
September	26	19,084	734
October	26	18,980	730
November	26	17,523	674
December	24	15,061	628
January	26	17,871	687
February	25	17,460	698
March	27	19,221	712
	310	235,036	758

TABLE SHEWING NUMBER OF BORROWERS ON MARCH 31st, 1916.

Ordinary Tickets	4811
Students ,, ...	602
Juvenile ,, ...	406
	5819

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L'Independence Belge
Leeds Mercury
Liverpool Mercury
Manchester Guardian
Morning Post
Newcastle Chronicle
North Mail
*North Star
Northern Echo
*Nottingham Daily Express
Scotsman
Sheffield Daily Independent
Sheffield Daily Telegraph
Times
Yorkshire Daily Observer
Yorkshire Evening News
Yorkshire Evening Post
Yorkshire Evening Press
Yorkshire Herald
Yorkshire Post

WEEKLY.

Amateur Gardening
Amateur Photographer
Architects' and Builders' Journal
Athenæum
*Australian Official Patents
*Australian Official Trade Marks
*Banner of Israel
*Board of Trade Journal
British Journal of Photography
*British Weekly
Broad Arrow
Builder
Cabinet Maker
*Catholic Times
Christian Commonwealth
*Christian Science Sentinel
*Christian World
*Church Family Newspaper
*Civil Service Candidate
Clarion
*Clarke's Educator
*Co-operative News
Country Life
Cycling
Economist
Electrical Review
Engineer
English Mechanic
Era
Exchange & Mart (twice per week)
Feathered World
Field
*Flight
Gentlewoman
Graphic
*Guardian

WEEKLY—(Continued).

Hospital
Illustrated London News
*Illustrated Official Journal (Patents)
Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News
*India
Labour Leader
Lady
Lady's Pictorial
Land and Water
Live Stock Journal
Lloyd's Shipping List
*Local Government Chronicle
*London County Council Gazette
*Midland Counties Herald
*Motor Traction
Municipal Journal
Nation
Nature
New Statesman
*New Zealand Patents Office Journal
Notes and Queries
Nursing Mirror
*People
Phonetic Journal
*Pocklington News
*Practical Engineer
Public Opinion
Punch
Queen
Railway Gazette
Railway News
Railway Review
*Sanitary Record
Saturday Review
Saturday Westminster
Schoolmaster
Schoolmistress
Scout
*Shop Assistant
Sketch
Spectator
Sphere
Statist
*Tablet
Tatler
*Trade Marks Journal
Truth
*Two Worlds
*Whitby Times and Gazette
Work
World
Yorkshire Gazette
Yorkshire Weekly Herald
Yorkshire Weekly Post

MONTHLY.

*Abolitionist
*Agricultural Economist
*Animal World
*Animals' Friend
*Animals' Guardian
Architectural Review
Army List (suspended)
*Arms and Explosives
*Board of Trade Labour Gazette
Bookman
Boys' Own Paper
Bradshaw
*British Esperantist
British Printer
Century Magazine
Chambers's Journal
*Christian Science Journal
*Church Gazette
*Commonwealth
Connoisseur
Contemporary Review

MONTHLY—(Continued).

Cornhill Magazine
*Covenant People
Decorator
Fortnightly Review
*Free Church Chronicle
*Garden Cities and Town Planning
Geographical Journal
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*Herald of Peace
*Home
*Insurance Agent
*Journal of the Board of Agriculture
*Journal of the Clerk of Works Association
Knowledge
Ladies' Home Journal
*Liberal Magazine
*Liberal Monthly
*Moravian Missions
Musical Times
*National Church
National Review
*New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
*Notes from Ireland
*Oddfellows' Magazine
*Patents
Pearson's Magazine
*Positivist Review
Printers' Ink
Quiver
*Railway Clerk
Reporter's Journal
*Return of Deaths of Seamen
Review of Reviews
Royal Magazine
St. Nicholas Magazine
*Secretary
Strand Magazine
Studio
*Theosophist
*Tongues of Fire
*United Empire
*University Correspondent
*Vulcan
*War and Peace
*Warrant Officers' Journal
Windsor Magazine
*Wireless World
Woodworker
World's Work
*Zoophilist

QUARTERLY.

*Anti-Slavery Reporter
*Bird Notes and News
*Bootham
Edinburgh Review
English Historical Review
*Herald of the Golden Age
Hibbert Journal
National Home Reading Union Magazines
Navy List
*Northern British-Israel
*Our Race Quarterly [Review
*Peterite
Progress
Quarterly Review
Round Table
Socialist Review
*Sphinx

OCCASIONAL.

*Colonial Journals, etc.
*Directories, Calendars, etc.
Railway Time Tables, Guides, etc.

NOTES.

Population of the City, 1911	82,297
Library Rate, one penny in the pound.	
Library Act adopted 15th October, 1891.	
News Room opened 1st August, 1892.	
Library opened by H.R.H. The Duke of York, 5th October, 1893.	
Library Stock (Lending) at opening (in Vols.)	10,417
,, ,, ,, at present time	23,832
Reference Stock	12,243
Reserve Stock	1,023
Blue Books	1,375
Pamphlets (Unbound)	968
Miscellaneous (Portraits, etc.)	241
Present number of Tickets in use (including 406 Juveniles)	5,819

York Institute (now the Public Library) acquired by York Corporation, 1st September, 1891.

York Institute Foundation Stone laid by H. R. H. The Prince of Wales, 18th July, 1883. Opened by The Marquis of Lorne, 10th June, 1885.

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CITY OF YORK.

GENERAL REPORT

OF

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

1916-1919.

York:
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Committee for 1918-1919.

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Deputy Librarian:—A. FINNEY.

Senior Assistants:—S. M. BRYANT; R. DOHERTY.
(still on active service).

CITY OF YORK.

GENERAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE, 1916-1919.

The Public Library Committee beg to present the following Report for the consideration of the Council:—

The need for economy caused your Committee to discontinue the publication of Annual Reports during the last three years, but it is felt that a brief General Report should now be issued.

Your Committee greatly regret that War conditions have placed the Library in a very bad position financially, and they feel it to be their duty to draw serious attention to it, and to the absolute necessity for attaining some means by which the Library and its very useful work may be continued to the public.

This position will be at once apparent to every thinking person who remembers that, whilst the work done up to the commencement of the War was effective, extensive, and much appreciated as an educational and social force in the City, it was even then cramped and hindered by the lack of sufficient funds. Under the present conditions it is impossible to attain the same degree of usefulness on an Income no larger than that which was then received. The fall in the value of the Penny has the effect practically of reducing the Income by one-half.

On the outbreak of War it became the obvious duty of your Committee to do everything in their power to keep the expenditure down to the lowest point possible, and circumstances

have compelled the continuance of that policy. The Staff has been temporarily reduced; Binding has been rigorously cut down, many volumes waiting for better times; and the purchase of Books has been so limited as to call forth constant expressions of remonstrance and surprise from the readers and borrowers, many of whom think the Corporation cannot be aware of the value and necessity of the Library to the intellectual life of the community. Much of the unseen work in the administration of a Public Library has of course been stopped altogether or allowed to accumulate until, with a replaced Staff and increased means, it can be resumed. Three Members of the Senior Staff, Mr. S. M. Bryant, Mr. R. Doherty, and Mr. Walsh, together with one of the Juniors, left on the call for National Service, and later Mr. F. Bewlay, the Deputy Librarian, retired after a long period of service, because of ill health. Though Mr. Bryant has returned, having received his discharge from the Army, Mr. Doherty has not yet been released from military duty in France, and thus there are still three vacancies on the Senior Staff.

The difficulties under which the Library has been worked during the War period have been further accentuated by the demands made upon it by the Military, who, immediately after the commencement of the War, billeted a large number of Soldiers in the Library building. This naturally brought conditions under which the quiet reading by Students and Visitors was much interfered with, and an atmosphere altogether prejudicial to the success of a Library, especially of a Reference Library, was created. That occupation lasted for a considerable time, and when the Soldiers left, all the available space was immediately used as a Munitions-making Instruction Department, both theoretical and practical, much heavy machinery being installed. Though for different objects, the same conditions still prevail, the Engineering and other practical teaching being continued for the benefit of wounded Soldiers, or for other educational reasons.

Under the circumstances thus briefly explained, it is really

surprising that the volume of work accomplished by the Library has been so great, and it forcibly demonstrates the value which is put upon it by the Citizens. That work is so unostentatiously carried on that its extent and importance are easily overlooked, and it is gratifying to your Committee to be able to report how much has been accomplished under extraordinarily difficult conditions. Your Committee feel that it is only right to place on record their high appreciation of the efforts of the City Librarian and his reduced Staff to maintain the public service to the fullest possible extent. During the lengthy period when people's minds were greatly troubled, needing the solace of helpful literature and the stimulus of the greater minds of the past as well as of the present, many readers have quietly and spontaneously expressed their indebtedness to the books they have been able to obtain, which have cheered and comforted their spirits, influenced their judgment, and occasioned a hopeful and courageous outlook in the darkest hours of the Nation's experience. That the people realised the utility of the Library is seen to some extent in the simple statement that the Recorded Issues for the last three years were :—

	1916-1917	*1917-1918*	*1918-1919.*
Lending Library	141,548	151,664	165,435
Reference Library	12,617	9,199	8,652
	154,165	160,863	174,087

but it must be remembered that an increasing number of visits to the Reference Library are not recorded, and the figures given are therefore much lower than they otherwise would be. A pleasing feature is the undoubted improvement in the character of the reading as shewn by the books borrowed and consulted. As the people are gradually becoming better acquainted with the Reference Library and its adaptability for supplying their needs, this tendency may be expected to continue. Unfortunately a few unscrupulous persons have taken advantage of the conditions and have stolen or failed to return a small number of books, and the

sudden removal from the City of soldiers and others has made it almost impossible in some cases to follow up the enquiries which are too often necessary. The number of Borrowers' Tickets actually in force on the 31st March last was 7,197, a larger number than at any one time hitherto.

The Stock of Books catalogued and available for public use on the 31st March, 1919, was in the Lending Library 25,287, in the Reference Library 12,833, Ordinary Reserve Stock 1,158, Unbound Pamphlets 1,265, Blue Books 1,623, a large number of Patents Office Publications, and a Miscellaneous Collection of local Portraits and interesting items number 278. This statement does not include the larger part of the Stock of the late Subscription Library, but only the small portion thereof which has been so far absorbed in the Catalogued Stock above referred to. From the acquired Stock of that Library, a large number of worn-out and useless volumes have been withdrawn and sold, a number have been added to the ordinary Stock and are in use, but the greater number still remain to be dealt with and must so remain until the Staff, which is at the present time smaller than ever before, be restored and made sufficient for the work. The space required for shelving, etc., is also unattainable at present.

During the year 1917-18 the Stock and Fittings of the old established York Subscription Library, containing many thousands of books, were found to be for disposal in consequence of the decision of its Members to close its doors. It was felt that, though the time was not very suitable for such an addition, involving very considerable labour which could not be obtained, and requiring space at the Library which the Military occupation prevented, it would be a very serious mistake to allow the books, including many historical and topographical works of local importance, to leave the City. After very careful consideration your Committee asked for and obtained the sanction of the City Council to complete the purchase, and the Stock is now the property of the Citizens.

The supply of Newspapers and Periodicals has been necessarily reduced because of the heavy increase in price, and naturally some readers have complained, but both the News-Room and the Magazine Room are still largely attended.

The thanks of your Committee are due to various Donors who have kindly presented books, or made other gifts to the Library, and to the Editors of the local Newspapers for the publication of many Book Lists and help in other ways thanks are also tendered.

The Financial Statements for the three years appear in the printed Abstracts of the Accounts of the York Corporation. That for the year 1918-19 shews that the Penny Rate realized £1685, and Receipts from all other sources brought the total Income to £1,995 17s. 0d. The Expenditure amounted to £2,251 2s. 11d., causing a Deficit of £255 5s. 11d. This Deficit was met by the Book Purchasing Fund. The Loan Debt has been reduced to £2,003 13s. 8d.

In conclusion, your Committee feel satisfied that the City Council, whose ready response to the appeal made on the presentation of the Estimates for the present year they gratefully acknowledge, will not allow so useful, so necessary, and so much valued an Institution as the Public Library to permanently suffer from the economic changes which have so materially reduced the value of its Income, and they trust that the Government will shortly take such action as will enable the Council to continue and increase its work in the interests of the educational, the commercial, and the social good of the inhabitants of the City. Without that further help even the continuance of the present advantages is threatened, whilst the further extension of its activities, so much to be desired and so promising in character, is impossible.

Tables setting forth the particulars under various headings for the year 1918-1919 appear in the Appendix.

J. B. MORRELL.

York, 14th October, 1919. *Chairman.*

APPENDIX.

REFERENCE LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS	Stock, 1918	Stock, 1919
0 General Works	2485	2518
1 Philosophy	149	150
2 Religion	744	761
3 Sociology	1236	1261
4 Philology	202	208
5 Natural Science	807	815
6 Useful Arts	614	622
7 Fine Arts	924	941
8 Literature	1673	1706
9 History, Biography, Travel	3792	3851
	12,626	12,833

Volumes in Reserve Stock	1,158*
Unbound Pamphlets	1,265
Government Blue Books	1,623
Miscellaneous Stock (Portraits, &c.)	278
Volumes Finally Withdrawn	2
,, Replaced	31
,, Re-bound	303

*This Statement does not include the Subscription Library Stock.

LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS	Stock 31st March, 1918		Stock 31st March, 1919	
	Works	Volumes	Works	Volumes
A Religion and Philosophy ...	1372	1454	1402	1484
B Biography, History	3266	3920	3301	3957
C Travel	1347	1426	1350	1429
D Arts, Sciences, &c.	4040	4157	4113	4232
F Fiction	7827	8036	8098	8307
G Poetry and the Drama	565	657	578	670
H Essays and General Literature...	1782	1994	1802	2014
J Juvenile Literature of all Classes	3176	3176	3194	3194
	23,375	24,820	23,838	25,287

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—LENDING LIBRARY.

MONTH	A Relegion, Philosophy	B Biography, History	C Travel	D Arts and Sciences	F Fiction	G Poetry & the Drama	H Essays and General Literature	J Juvenile Literature	Braille	Total	*Daily Average for Days Open
1918—19.											
April ...	127	439	262	788	8890	96	318	2716	43	13679	625
May ...	150	369	185	674	8277	104	303	2549	31	12642	538
June ...	159	302	204	622	8180	123	225	2668	25	12508	543
July	123	301	178	643	8173	93	286	3025	21	12843	513
August ...	166	286	170	589	8140	85	267	2399	13	12115	494
September ...	165	373	236	682	8253	113	313	2857	14	13006	565
October ...	176	385	225	779	9154	114	379	3371	32	14615	596
November ...	162	382	259	747	9285	99	379	3686	23	15022	626
December ...	135	338	227	640	8167	87	366	3423	37	13420	624
January ...	120	367	246	818	9403	104	409	3769	9	15245	622
February ...	134	342	226	857	8673	111	455	3623	15	14436	656
March ...	160	394	322	917	9762	112	474	3723	40	15904	663
	1777	4278	2740	8756	104357	1241	4174	37809	303	165435	589
1916—17	1689	4371	2402	8244	88461	1022	3540	31483	336	141548	504
1917—18	1597	4586	2393	8762	96095	1084	3592	33004	551	151664	548

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Exclusive of a large number of unrecorded visits.

MONTHS	0 General Works	1 Philosopy	2 Religion	3 Sociology	4 Philology	5 Natural Science	6 Useful Arts	7 Fine Arts	8 Literature	9 History Biography, Travel	TOTAL
1918—19.											
April	309	14	11	19	6	31	76	60	15	97	638
May	231	3	10	17	11	70	79	22	9	85	537
June	220	...	10	33	9	9	34	39	9	104	467
July	209	...	18	21	7	34	56	39	9	174	567
August ...	306	12	15	38	14	35	47	54	12	161	694
September ...	357	3	14	27	5	47	39	80	22	197	791
October ...	311	4	24	52	4	64	44	58	33	205	799
November ...	332	3	4	115	15	26	60	74	22	138	789
December ...	217	3	8	65	16	12	47	83	17	170	638
January ...	277	3	15	45	7	60	86	98	67	140	798
February ...	384	6	34	74	22	96	98	89	34	215	1052
March ...	351	11	33	97	13	54	84	121	30	88	882
	3504	62	196	603	129	538	750	817	279	1774	8652

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Glasgow Herald
Irish Times
Leeds Mercury
Liverpool Mercury
Manchester Guardian
Morning Post
Newcastle Chronicle
North Mail
*North Star
Northern Echo
Scotsman
Sheffield Daily Telegraph
Times
Yorkshire Daily Observer
Yorkshire Evening News
Yorkshire Evening Post
Yorkshire Evening Press
Yorkshire Herald
Yorkshire Post

WEEKLY.

Amateur Gardening
Amateur Photographer
Athenæum
*Banner of Israel
*Board of Trade Journal
*British Citizen
*British Weekly
Broad Arrow
Builder
Builder's Journal
Cabinet Maker
*Catholic Times
*Christian Science Sentinel
*Church Family Newspaper
Clarion
Commonsense
*Co-operative News
Country Life
Cycling
Economist
Electrical Review
Engineer
English Mechanic
Era
Exchange & Mart (twice per week)
Feathered World
Field
*Food
Gentlewoman
Graphic
*Guardian
Hospital
Illustrated London News
*Illustrated Official Journal (Patents)
Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic [News
John Bull
Labour Leader
Lady
Lady's Pictorial
Land and Water
Live Stock Journal
Lloyd's Shipping List
*Local Government Chronicle
*London County Council Gazette
*Midland Counties Herald
*Motor Traction
Municipal Journal
Nation
*National Church
*National Food Journal
Nature
New Commonwealth
New Statesman
*New Zealand Patents Office Journal

WEEKLY—Continued).

Nursing Mirror
Pitman's Journal
*Pocklington News
*Practical Engineer
Public Opinion
Punch
Queen
Railway Review
Saturday Review
Schoolmaster
Scholmistress
*Shop Assistant
*Situations Gazette
Sketch
Smallholder
Spectator
Sphere
Statist
Tatler
Times Trade Supplement
*Trade Marks Journal
Truth
*Two Worlds
Westminster Gazette
*Whitby Times and Gazette
Work
World
Yorkshire Gazette
Yorkshire Weekly Herald
Yorkshire Weekly Post

MONTHLY.

*Abolitionist
*Agricultural Economist
*Animal World
*Animals' Friend
*Animals' Guardian
Architectural Review
Army List
*Arms and Explosives
*Board of Trade Labour Gazette
Bookman
Boys' Own Paper
Bradshaw
*British Esperantist
British Printer
Chambers's Journal
*Christain Science Journal
*Church Gazette
*Commonwealth
Connoisseur
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
*Covenant People
*Foreign Affairs
Fortnightly Review
*Free Church Chronicle
Geographical Journal
Girls' Own Paper
*Journal of the Board of Agriculture
*Journal of the Clerk of Works Association
*Moravian Missions
*National Church
National Review
*New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
Notes and Queries
*Oddfellows' Magazine
*Patents
Pearson's Magazine
Plumbing Trades Journal
*Positivist Review
Quiver
Reporter's Journal
Review of Reviews
Strand Magazine
Studio
*United Empire
Windsor Magazine
*Wireless World
Woodworker
World's Work

QUARTERLY.

*Anti-Slavery Report
*Bird Notes and News
*Bootham
Edinburgh Review
English Historical Review
*Herald of the Golden Age

QUARTERLY—(Continued.)

Hibbert Journal
National Home Reading Union Magazines
Navy List
*New Zealand Farmer
*Peterite
Progress
Quarterly Review
Round Table
Socialist Review

OCCASIONAL.

*Colonial Journals, etc.
*Directories, Calendars, etc.
Railway Time Tables, Guides, etc.

NOTES.

Population of the City, 1911 82,297
Library Rate, one penny in the pound.
Library Act adopted 15th October, 1891.
News Room opened 1st August, 1892.
Library opened by H.R.H. The Duke of York, 5th October, 1893.

York Institute (now the Public Library) acquired by York Corporation, 1st September, 1891.

York Institute Foundation Stone laid by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, 18th July, 1883. Opened by The Marquis of Lorne, 10th June, 1885.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR 1918-1919.

Population (Registrar-General's Estimate of Civilian Population) ...	78,492
Amount of Library Rate in the Pound	One Penny
Cost of Library Service per Inhabitant	4.55d.
Total cost per Inhabitant	6.89d.
Total Staff (including Juniors, Caretakers and Cleaners)	12

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	Per Cent
From Library Rate	1685	0	0	74.85
From Library Receipts (Fines, Catalogues, etc.)	105	4	4	4.67
From other Sources (including exceptional Receipts) ...	205	12	8	9.14
Deficit (defrayed by Book Purchasing Fund)	255	5	11	11.34
	£2251	2	11	100.00

EXPENDITURE.

Library Service Charges :—	£	s.	d.	Per Cent
Books	82	16	0	3 69
Binding...	51	16	6	2.31
Printing of Catalogues		—		—
Newspapers and Periodicals	161	6	6	7.16
Printing, Stationery and Miscellaneous Expenses ...	80	0	3	3.55
Salaries and Bonuses	1113	11	4	49.46
Total Library Service Expenditure...	£1489	10	7	66 17

Fabric Charges :—	£	s.	d.	Per Cent
Rents and Loans	212	17	0	9.45
Rates and Taxes...	132	9	8	5.88
Upkeep of Building (Repairs, etc.)...	64	2	11	2.84
Heating, Lighting, Cleaning, Water, etc.	352	2	9	15.66
Total of Fabric Charges	£761	12	4	33.83
Total Expenditure	£2251	2	11	100.00

STOCKS.

	Lending.	Reference.
Number of Catalogued Volumes at beginning of year ...	24,820	12,626
Volumes withdrawn during the year	3	3
Additions during the year (Replacements 31)	470	210
Total Volumes at end of year	25,287*	12,833*

*Does not include a large number in the Patents, Blue Books, and Pamphlets Sections, and the considerable Stock of the late York Subscription Library, and an ordinary Reserve Stock for replacement.

ISSUES.

Lending Library Issues	165,435
Reference Library Recorded Issues	8,652
Total Issues	174,087

These figures do not include the large number of unrecorded Issues from open shelves.

BORROWERS.

Number of Ordinary Tickets	5,654
Number of Supplementary Tickets...	623
Number of Juvenile Tickets	920
Total number of Tickets actually in use March 31st, 1919	7,197

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